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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
2 ON DECEMBER 18, 2007, BEGINS ON PAGE 135.]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE BY DR.
7 ARTHUR CHANG, FOUNDER OF THE CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE. AND
8 THE PLEDGE FROM ALFRED M. SAPIENZA, LIFETIME MEMBER OF POST
9 NUMBER 8070, AND VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, FROM AZUSA. WOULD
10 YOU PLEASE STAND?

11
12 **DR. ARTHUR CHANG:** LET US TURN WITHIN RIGHT NOW. SENSING AND
13 FEELING THAT INNER PLACE OF SOLITUDE, THAT INNER SILENCE THAT
14 KNOWS WHAT TO DO, WHEN TO DO IT, WHERE TO DO IT, AND HOW TO DO
15 IT. AND IN THIS MOMENT OF RETREAT INTO THE ONENESS OF LIFE, WE
16 ARE SENSING AND FEELING INTO THAT PLACE, THAT ROOM HE SPEAKS
17 ABOUT WHEN HE SAYS "OUT BEYOND RIGHT DOING AND WRONGDOING,
18 THERE'S A FIELD. I'LL MEET YOU THERE." AND SO WE MEET BEYOND A
19 FIELD OF PAIRS OF OPPOSITES, PAIRS OF CONTENTIOUSNESS WHERE WE
20 KNOW OURSELVES AS ONE AS THE LIGHT WITHIN US KNOW ITSELF AS
21 ONE. THERE IS ONE LIFE, THAT'S GOD'S LIFE, IT'S THE LIFE WE'RE
22 ALL LIVING RIGHT NOW. AND AS WE COME TO THIS MIRACULOUS
23 DIMENSION OF BEING, WE SENSE AND FEEL DEEPLY INTO THE TALENTS,
24 THE SKILLS, THE EDUCATION, ALL SUMMING UP TO THE STRENGTH
25 WITHIN US, THAT KINGDOM OF GOD THAT IS THERE TO BE REVEALED AS



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1 THE WORK THAT WE DO. AND SO I SPEAK MY WORD OF BLESSING RIGHT
2 NOW UPON ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR THIS MAGNIFICENT SERVICE THAT
3 THEY PROVIDE. BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE HIGHEST FORM OF
4 SPIRITUALITY IS THE SPIRITUALITY OF SERVICE, THAT WHICH
5 RENDERS THAT GOOD THAT IS CENTERED IN EACH ONE FOR EVERYONE.
6 AND SO NOW I SPEAK THE WORD OF LOVE AND SUCCESS, KNOWING THAT
7 THE SUPERVISORS COMING TOGETHER IS ALREADY ALL THAT IT NEEDS
8 TO BE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS COMMUNITY. I BLESS EACH ONE,
9 KNOWING THAT THEY ARE INVIGORATED AND ENERGIZED BY THIS GREAT
10 WORK THAT THEY DO AND THAT OUR CITIES NOW MOVE FROM JUST
11 SIMPLY SURVIVING TO FLOURISHING AND THRIVING. AND WE KNOW THAT
12 THIS IS GOD'S WORK UPON GOD'S KINGDOM, WHICH IS WHERE WE STAND
13 RIGHT NOW AT THIS HOLY PLACE. SO KNOWING THAT ALL IS WELL AND
14 ALL IS DONE, WE SAY THANK YOU, FATHER/MOTHER GOD AND WE LET IT
15 BE AND SO IT IS, AMEN.

16

17 **AUDIENCE:** AMEN.

18

19 **ALFRED M. SAPIENZA:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WILL YOU PLEASE JOIN
20 ME IN A PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT DR. ARTHUR
23 W. CHANG HAS BEEN WITH US TODAY. HE'S THE SENIOR MINISTER OF
24 FOUNDERS CENTER FOR POSITIVE SPIRITUALITY IN THE MIRACLE MILE
25 AREA AND HE'S BEEN THERE FOR THE PAST 14 YEARS. HE AND HIS



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1 WIFE CECILIA IMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES FROM JAMAICA OVER
2 30 YEARS AGO AND DR. CHANG SOON ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS A
3 SUCCESSFUL ARCHITECT. BUT IT WAS THE MINISTRY WHERE HE FOUND
4 HIS TRUE CALLING. AT FOUNDERS CENTER, DR. CHANG FINDS
5 EXPRESSION FOR HIS MANY INTERESTS, WHICH INCLUDE LITERATURE,
6 MUSIC, ART, DRAMA, PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY, AND HELP. THANK YOU
7 FOR BEING WITH US TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE PLEDGE VETERAN? SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING -- HI, COME
12 UP AND JOIN ME -- TO PRESENT MR. ALFRED SAPIENZA. MR. SAPIENZA
13 IS WITH THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, POST 8070, IN AZUSA. HE
14 SERVED AS A SERGEANT WITH THE THIRD MARINE SCOUT SNIPER UNIT
15 OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 1967 TO 1969 IN
16 VIETNAM. HIS IMPRESSIVE COMMENDATIONS INCLUDE THE MERITORIOUS
17 SERVICE MEDAL, A COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, A GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL,
18 THE EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, AND A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL,
19 AS WELL AS A VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL WITH FIVE STARS. MR.
20 SAPIENZA ATTENDED ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL ON THE EAST SIDE AND
21 HE NOW RESIDES IN THE EAST LOS ANGELES AREA. I'M VERY PROUD TO
22 PRESENT TO YOU A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. THANK YOU SO
23 MUCH FOR JOINING US. HE IS JOINED TODAY BY HIS DAUGHTER AND
24 HIS WIFE. AND WE THANK THEM SO MUCH FOR COMING, AS WELL, AND
25 JOINING US. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH IS HERE. HE'S JUST OVER ON
3 THE SIDE. WE'LL NOW CALL THE AGENDA.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
6 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE
7 THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.
8 ITEMS 1-P THROUGH 3-P.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA, WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11.
14 ON ITEM NUMBER 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
15 PUBLIC TO HOLD THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIA MUSTELIER PARRISH TO
16 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD THAT ITEM AND CAN WE GO THROUGH
19 THE REST OF THEM?

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SURE. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 6, SUPERVISOR
22 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 7,
23 SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
24 JANUARY 22ND, 2008.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM WAS THAT?

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 7. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE
6 BEFORE YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 8, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 12
12 THROUGH 75. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
13 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 18, THERE'S A
14 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
15 NUMBER 22, THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FOR THE BID OPENINGS FROM
16 DECEMBER 19TH, 2007 TO JANUARY 22ND, 2008. ON ITEM NUMBER 25,
17 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
18 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 26, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND A MEMBER OF THE
19 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 31, AS
20 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO
22 JANUARY 8TH, 2008.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 32, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS
2 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NUMBER 39,
3 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
4 JANUARY 8TH, 2008. AND THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
5 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 42, SUPERVISOR
6 KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 8TH,
7 2008.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM WAS THAT?

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 42. AND ALSO THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
12 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM 45, THERE'S
13 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON
14 ITEM NUMBER 52, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
15 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM 59, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A
16 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM 74,
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTE NO. THE
18 REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE,
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ARE RECORDING THE TWO NO VOTES.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. MR. KNABE, WERE YOU THE NO VOTE?



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE WAS A NO VOTE AND
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ON ITEM 74.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL
6 SECOND IT, THEN.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM 74.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON 74, NO VOTES FOR THOSE TWO. ON THE
11 OTHERS, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 35, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION ON
14 ITEM 76. I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS
15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE ADDITION, DELETION, AND/OR
17 CHANGING OF CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE
18 POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF
19 CLASSIFICATION STUDIES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH;
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 77 AND 78, WE WILL
25 HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. ON MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE



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1 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
2 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 79-A,
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS
4 ITEM BE HELD. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD
5 OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
6 NO. 4.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TAKE UP A COUPLE OF
9 ITEMS FIRST. THE SHERIFF HAS TO LEAVE. SO I BELIEVE THAT --

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, CAN I JUST ASK?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE
14 THAT UP NOW.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ASK THAT 76 BE RECONSIDERED? I WANT TO
17 ASK A QUESTION.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
20 ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, 76 IS RECONSIDERED, AND THAT
21 WILL BE HELD. DO YOU WANT ME TO MOVE HERE?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE HAVE TO GET THESE FOLKS BACK TO WORK, RIGHT?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, TODAY IT IS INDEED MY HONOR, I AM
2 TREMENDOUSLY PROUD TO RECOGNIZE SHERIFF LEE BACA AND THE
3 SHERIFF'S RECRUITMENT BACKGROUND AND TRAINING TEAM WHO'VE
4 JOINED US THIS MORNING. WE ALL KNOW THE DIFFICULTIES WHEN
5 THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES IN OUR JAILS ON OUR
6 COMMUNITIES. CERTAINLY THIS BOARD AND THIS COMMUNITY HAS LIVED
7 THROUGH THOSE CHALLENGES, WHICH WERE CERTAINLY NOT VERY FAR
8 OFF OR LONG AGO. AS YOU MAY KNOW IN DECEMBER OF 2006, THERE
9 WERE OVER 900 DEPUTY VACANCIES IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
10 AND AT ONE TIME, THERE WERE OVER 1,200. BUT THE SHERIFF'S
11 RECRUITMENT, BACKGROUND AND TRAINING TEAM MET THE CHALLENGE BY
12 CONDUCTING A WELL-COORDINATED, HIGH-QUALITY AND INTENSIVE
13 EFFORT TO FILL EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THESE VACANCIES. OTHER
14 JURISDICTIONS, WE KNOW, ARE BRAGGING ABOUT THEIR HIRING
15 EFFORTS, BUT NO ONE CAN SAY THAT 1,000 NEW PEACE OFFICERS
16 GRADUATED IN ONE CALENDAR YEAR. THAT IS, EXCEPT FOR L.A.
17 COUNTY, AND THAT IS A TREMENDOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT AND THEY NEED
18 TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK. WE HAVE NOT ONLY
19 RECRUITED, TESTED, AND HIRED, BUT WE HAVE ALSO TRAINED 1,000
20 SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES IN 2007. AND IT'S EXACTLY 1,065, AND WE
21 WANT TO BE EXACT ABOUT THE NUMBERS. WE'RE SO PROUD OF THIS
22 DIVERSE GROUP OF DEPUTIES, AND I'M VERY PROUD TO SAY THAT OVER
23 20% OF THOSE DEPUTIES ARE WOMEN, WHICH IS TREMENDOUS. TODAY
24 WE'RE PROUD TO HIGHLIGHT THE SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN
25 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND I



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1 WANT TO THANK SHARON FROM OUR BOARD, WHO TOOK A LOT OF
2 HARASSMENT FROM ME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. I FELT IT WAS FITTING
3 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT. AND I WANT TO
4 CONGRATULATE SHERIFF BACA AND HIS TEAM, HIS LEADERSHIP, HIS
5 DEDICATION, AND MOTIVATING AND INSPIRING EVERYONE TO STEP UP
6 TO AN UNBELIEVABLE CHALLENGE. WE ARE VERY PROUD. WE HAVE
7 CERTIFICATES. MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN PRESENTED. BUT I WANT TO
8 PRESENT THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING DIVISION AWARD TO YOU, LEE
9 BACA, AND THE ENTIRE TEAM WHO IS HERE. WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN
10 GIVING THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE? [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I WANT TO SAY A FEW THINGS, FOLKS, TO THE
13 AUDIENCE AND TO THE BOARD, AS WELL. 42 YEARS AGO, I DECIDED TO
14 BE A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
15 AND AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE THE LARGEST COUNTY, LARGEST LOCAL
16 MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. AND I HAVE NOT
17 REGRETTED ONE MOMENT OF MY OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS AN EMPLOYEE
18 OF THE GREATEST COUNTY IN AMERICA. AND THIS RECRUITING EFFORT
19 WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WERE IT NOT FOR THE EXACTING
20 LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND HER COLLEAGUES IN OFFERING
21 THE SUPPORT THAT WAS NECESSARY, THE FUNDS THAT WERE NECESSARY
22 TO PUT FORTH A VERY COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN, AS THE SUPERVISOR
23 INDICATED. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE MEN AND WOMEN BEHIND ME
24 WERE THE ONES WHO DID THE HEAVY LIFTING. AND ULTIMATELY OUR
25 ATTRACTIVENESS AS A COUNTY, NUMBER ONE, IS THE STARTING POINT



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1 FOR EMPLOYMENT. NUMBER 2, THE CORE VALUES OF THE COUNTY AND
2 THE CORE VALUES OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARE INCLUSIVE AND
3 ARE PROGRESSIVE AND ULTIMATELY LEAD PEOPLE TO WANT TO BE A
4 PART OF THE MOST DIVERSE PART OF THE WORLD, LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY. AND THEN FINALLY, THE ATTRACTIVE AND INTERESTING
6 RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A DEPUTY SHERIFF AND PROTECTING THE
7 MOST PRECIOUS THING WE HAVE IN THIS COUNTY AND THAT'S THE
8 PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE. I CAN'T BE MORE GRATEFUL TO THE
9 SUPERVISORS AND PARTICULARLY YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, FOR YOUR
10 INTENSE PASSION AND INTEREST IN THIS PROBLEM-SOLVING EFFORT.
11 AND WE SOLVED THE PROBLEM. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE
12 BOARD AND YOUR COLLEAGUES AND YOU. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF THE BOARD WOULD JOIN US, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.
17 EVERYBODY GET IN.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE'LL CALL ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR
20 A PRESENTATION AT THIS TIME. I KNOW, YOU'RE UP FIRST.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S A
23 GREAT HONOR. WE HAVE AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL THAT WE'RE
24 GOING TO RECOGNIZE TODAY WHO'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE ROLE MODEL
25 FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS, AS WELL.



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1 TODAY WE'RE GOING TO HONOR ONE OF BASEBALL'S GREATEST MANAGERS
2 IN BASEBALL HISTORY, THAT'S MICHAEL SCIOSCIA OF THE LOS
3 ANGELES ANGELS OF ANAHEIM. UNDER MICHAEL'S LEADERSHIP AND
4 DIRECTION, THE ANGELS HAVE PLAYED IN A RECORD BREAKING THREE
5 AMERICAN LEAGUE WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2004, 2005,
6 AND 2007. THAT PREVIOUS RECORD WAS LEAD BY GENE MAUCH, WHO LED
7 THE ANGELS TO TWO DIVISION TITLES IN 1982 AND THEN AGAIN IN
8 1986. IN 2002, MIKE LED THE ANGELS TO THE WORLD SERIES
9 CHAMPIONSHIP, WHICH WAS THE FIRST IN CLUB HISTORY. AND ANY OF
10 YOU WHO GREW UP IN LOS ANGELES AND REMEMBER THE LOS ANGELES
11 ANGELS AND THE PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE PLAYING AT WRIGLEY FIELD,
12 I WAS ONE OF THOSE LITTLE BOYS THAT'D TAKE THAT "S" CAR TO
13 THOSE GAMES EVERY WEEKEND. AND WE ALWAYS HAD BILL KELLY, THE
14 MANAGER, FINISHING IN LAST OR NEXT TO LAST PLACE. WELL, THAT
15 LOS ANGELES ANGELS TEAM WENT ALL THE WAY UP THROUGH ORBIT TO
16 THE HIGHEST ATMOSPHERES WHEN THEY WON THAT WORLD SERIES
17 CHAMPIONSHIP. FOR THIS HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT, MIKE WAS HONORED
18 AS THE 2002 AMERICAN LEAGUE MANAGER OF THE YEAR. HE IS THE
19 16TH ANGEL MANAGER AND IS THE ONLY MANAGER TO TAKE THE ANGELS
20 TO FOUR PLAYOFF APPEARANCES. HE RANKS SECOND ON THEIR ALL-TIME
21 WIN LIST FOR MANAGERS AND HE ONLY TRAILS BILL RIGNEY, FORMER
22 MANAGER, BY ONLY 11 VICTORIES. HIS AVERAGE PER SEASON WINS AND
23 OVERALL WINNING PERCENTAGE ARE THE TOPS IN ANGELS HISTORY. HE
24 EARNED HIS 500TH CAREER VICTORY ON SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2006,
25 SHUTTING OUT THE OAKLAND ATHLETICS AT 3-0. THIS YEAR HE WAS



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1 THE AMERICAN LEAGUE MANAGER OF THE 74TH ANNUAL ALL-STAR GAME
2 WHICH WAS HELD IN CHICAGO. AND AGAIN, THE AMERICAN LEAGUE WON
3 THE CHAMPIONSHIP BY A 7-6 VICTORY. THE RECIPIENT OF THE TAYLOR
4 AWARD AND AMERICAN LEAGUE MANAGER OF THE YEAR BY THE NEGRO
5 BASEBALL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM, THE 17TH PERSON IN HISTORY
6 TO WIN THE WORLD SERIES AS BOTH A PLAYER AND A MANAGER IN
7 DIFFERENT SEASONS. 12 OTHERS WON PLAYER/MANAGER IN THE SAME
8 SEASON BUT NOT DIFFERENT SEASONS. SCIOSCIA SERVED AS MANAGER
9 OF THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS AAA AFFILIATE, THE ALBUQUERQUE
10 DUKES IN 1999, AND PRIOR TO THAT PROMOTION AS MANAGER OF THE
11 DUKES, HE SERVED AS THE DODGERS' BENCH COACH FROM 1997 TO
12 1998, THIRD BASE AND FIRST BASE COACH IN 1997, AS WELL AS THE
13 MINOR LEAGUE CATCHING COORDINATOR IN 1995 AND 1996. DURING HIS
14 PLAYING CAREER, HE WAS KNOWN AS THE PLATE BLOCKING CATCHER AND
15 PLAYED ON THE 1981 AND 1988 CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS. HIS POTENTIAL
16 OF BECOMING A MAJOR LEAGUE MANAGER CAME TO REALITY WHEN HE
17 GUIDED THE PRAIRIE JAVELINAS, COMPRISED OF THE MAJOR LEAGUE
18 TOP PROSPECT PLAYERS REPRESENTING THE 30 TEAMS TO THE ARIZONA
19 FALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1997. HIS TEAM SET AN ARIZONA FALL
20 AVERAGE RECORD IN BATTING, A 317 AVERAGE, 4.5 ERA. AND THAT IS
21 TODAY WHY WE'RE HONORING A GREAT ROLE MODEL. HE ALSO TAKES
22 TIME TO HELP THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IN MONROVIA. IT IS A
23 GREAT EVENT, AND AT THE ANNUAL DINNER THAT THEY DO EACH
24 FEBRUARY, THEY RAISED ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THEIR ENTIRE
25 OPERATING BUDGET. AND THAT'S THROUGH THE GREAT AUCTIONEERING



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1 FINESSE AND HARDBALL PLAYING THAT MIKE'S ABLE TO GENERATE THE
2 FUNDS TO HELP SUPPORT THAT PROGRAM. BUT HE COMES EVERY YEAR TO
3 MONROVIA TO HELP THOSE BOYS AND GIRLS. SO, MICHAEL, ON BEHALF
4 OF THE COUNTY, CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEING A GOOD ROLE MODEL FOR
5 YOUNG AND OLD AND WE WISH YOU MANY, MANY MORE YEARS AND A
6 WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2008. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW BEFORE WE ASK MIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS, I
9 WANT TO INTRODUCE ANOTHER PERSON WHO HAS AN INCREDIBLE RECORD
10 AND WHO IS GOING TO HELP GUIDE THOSE ANGELS TO THAT 2008
11 CHAMPIONSHIP, WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP, AND THAT'S THE NEW
12 GENERAL MANAGERS FOR THE LOS ANGELES ANGELS OF ANAHEIM, TONY
13 REAGINS. TONY HAS WORKED FOR THE ANGELS BASEBALL ORGANIZATION
14 FOR MORE THAN 16 YEARS, WHERE THE NAMES OF THE ORGANIZATION
15 HAS INCLUDED CALIFORNIA ANGELS, ANAHEIM ANGELS OF ANAHEIM, AND
16 THE LOS ANGELES ANGELS OF ANAHEIM. HE'S A GRADUATE OF
17 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON, WHERE HE EARNED HIS
18 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MARKETING AND HIS ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN
19 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM THE COLLEGE OF THE DESERT. HE
20 BEGAN HIS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL FRONT OFFICE CAREER AS AN
21 INTERN. INTERNS ARE SO IMPORTANT. THAT'S WHY WE USE THEM IN
22 OUR OFFICE. AND KEN CONDO IS THE MAN THAT HIRED HIM WHO WORKS
23 FORMERLY WITH OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND NOW WITH MENTAL
24 HEALTH. RIGHT HERE IS THE MAN THAT HIRED THIS GENTLEMAN WHO IS
25 GOING TO HELP DIRECT THE ANGELS TO THAT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.



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1 KEN WORKED FOR THE COUNTY, AS I SAID, WORKED FOR THE COUNTY
2 DEPARTMENT AS PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR MENTAL HEALTH.
3 REAGINS WAS ONE OF THE COLLEGE INTERNS THAT PARTICIPATED IN
4 THE ANGELS' INTERNSHIP PROGRAM THAT EXPANDED FROM 5 TO 30 THAT
5 SEASON. AFTER COMPLETING A SECOND INTERNSHIP YEAR IN MARKETING
6 ADVERTISING, HE WAS HIRED AS A FULL-TIME MARKETING ASSISTANT
7 IN 1994. FROM 1996 TO '98 HE WORKED AS A SPONSORSHIP SERVICES
8 REPRESENTATIVE. FOR THE NEXT FOUR SEASONS, HE SERVED AS
9 MANAGER OF BASEBALL OPERATIONS, WHERE HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH
10 THEN GENERAL MANAGER BILL VASEY, AND WITH THE FARM DIRECTOR
11 JEFF PARKER AND SCOUTING DIRECTOR BOB FONTAINE. IN HIS FIRST
12 SEASON AS DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, THIS IS REMARKABLE,
13 FIRST YEAR AS DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, SIX ROOKIES WERE
14 ON THE 2002 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM. SOMETIMES PEOPLE WILL GO
15 THROUGH A WHOLE CAREER AND NOT HAVE ONE. TONY HAD SIX ON THE
16 2002 TEAM. THOSE ROOKIES INCLUDED BRENDAN DONNELLY, CHONE
17 FIGGINS, FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ, JOHN LACKEY, SCOTT SHIELDS, AND
18 JOSE MOLINA. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP AS DIRECTOR OF PLAYER
19 DEVELOPMENT FROM 2002 TO 2007, THE ANGEL AFFILIATES HAVE
20 REACHED THE PLAYOFFS 18 TIMES, CAPTURING 15 DIVISION TITLES
21 AND THREE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE ANGEL ORGANIZATION POSTED
22 WINNING RECORDS IN FOUR OF SIX SEASONS: 2003 TO 2005, 2006-
23 2007 AND WAS NAMED MINOR LEAGUE ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR IN
24 2003 BY THE SPORTING NEWS. UNDER HIS DIRECTION, THE ANGEL FARM
25 SYSTEM HAS PROMOTED SEVERAL PLAYERS TO THE MAJOR LEAGUES,



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1 INCLUDING HOWIE KENDRICK, REGGIE WILLITS, ROB QUINLAN, KENDRY
2 MORALES, RICKY IBARRA, JEFF MATHIS, MICHAEL NAPOLI -- I'M
3 GETTING ALL SCREWED UP HERE. JARED WEAVER AND JOE SAUNDERS,
4 ALL PLAYERS WHO MADE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON THE 2007 AMERICAN
5 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM. THE MINOR LEAGUE NEWS NAMED THE LOS
6 ANGELES ANGELS OF ANAHEIM AS THE 2007 FARM SYSTEM OF THE YEAR.
7 REGAINS IS A MEMBER OF THE BUCK O'NEIL SCOUT ASSOCIATION AND
8 AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S URBAN YOUTH
9 ACADEMY, WHICH IS BASED AT COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WHERE HE
10 ARRANGED FOR AT-RISK MENTAL HEALTH, PROBATION, AND FOSTER CARE
11 YOUTH TO ATTEND ANGEL GAMES, AND ALSO SUPPORTS BOYS AND GIRLS
12 CLUB OF AMERICA. DURING HIS FIRST FEW WEEKS ON THE JOB, HE
13 ACQUIRED ALL-STAR RIGHT-HANDER, JOHN GARLAND, A GRADUATE OF
14 KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL. ANDERSON ALSO IS A GRADUATE OF KENNEDY
15 HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. AND ALSO HE SIGNED
16 ONE OF THE TOP CENTER FELDERS IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL, TORI
17 HUNTER. FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF
18 THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN RESIDING IN OUR COUNTY AND IN ORANGE
19 COUNTY, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE HIM AND WISH HIM MANY, MANY MORE
20 YEARS IN BEING A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR OUR YOUTH AND OLD
21 ALIKE. SO TONY, CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME. [APPLAUSE.] FIRST
22 LET ME BRING THE GREAT COACH, MICHAEL SCIOSCIA, THE GREAT
23 MANAGER OF THE LOS ANGELES ANGELS. [APPLAUSE]
24



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1 **MICHAEL SCIOSCIA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE INVITATION HERE,
2 SUPERVISOR. AND I WANT TO REALLY BRING MY FEELINGS OF
3 APPRECIATION FOR ALL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE
4 SUPPORT THAT THE ANGELS HAVE GOTTEN. WINNING A WORLD
5 CHAMPIONSHIP IS A DREAM COME TRUE FOR OUR ORGANIZATION. AND
6 HOPEFULLY WE HAVE ANOTHER ONE TO GO OUT THERE AND WIN,
7 SUPERVISOR. I KNOW THAT YOU'LL BE IN THERE IN THE STANDS
8 CHEERING US ON IF WE CAN GET THAT DONE. THANK YOU FOR INVITING
9 US HERE TODAY. IT'S A SPECIAL DAY FOR US, AND THIS RECOGNITION
10 IS SOMETHING THAT'S IMPORTANT TO OUR ORGANIZATION. AND I KNOW,
11 I WAS TAKING MY LIFE IN MY HANDS COMING MAYBE A MILE FROM
12 DODGERS STADIUM TO ACCEPT THIS. [LAUGHTER.] BECAUSE I KNOW
13 THERE WERE SOME DODGER FANS OUT THERE. BUT WE IN THE ANGEL
14 ORGANIZATION APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
15 SUPPORT. AND GOD BLESS YOU AND THANKS FOR THE INVITATION HERE
16 THIS MORNING. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **TONY REAGINS:** ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE ANGELS BASEBALL FAMILY,
19 WE'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SPECIFICALLY SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH FOR INVITING US HERE TODAY. WE ARE PLEASED TO BE
22 ALIGNED WITH AN ORGANIZATION AND AN INSTITUTION THAT SUPPORTS
23 KIDS, SUPPORTS YOUTH PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE ANGELS DO. WE
24 APPRECIATE THIS RELATIONSHIP AND WE THANK YOU FOR THE
25 OPPORTUNITY TO COME HERE TODAY. OUR ORGANIZATION IS EXTREMELY



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1 HAPPY AND EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THIS AND WE THANK YOU FOR
2 YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M A DODGERS FAN. [LAUGHTER.]

5

6 **SUP, BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. TO MY
9 COLLEAGUES AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO ASK
10 THE ALBERT MCNEIL JUBILEE SINGERS, ALONG WITH THEIR DIRECTOR,
11 DR. ALBERT MCNEIL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NELL WALKER, PRODUCTION
12 MANAGER DOUGLAS GRIFFIN, PERSONNEL MANAGER MARY FLOWERS, AND
13 LONG-TIME MEMBER VIRGINIA WHITE. ALSO JOINING US TODAY, I
14 BELIEVE, FROM THE ARTS COMMISSION, WE HAVE OUR DIRECTOR, LAURA
15 ZUCKER. AND TODAY IT IS MY PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE ALBERT
16 MCNEIL JUBILEE SINGERS, WHO ARE GOING TO BE ENTERTAINING US
17 WITH SOME WONDERFUL MUSIC AT THE END OF THIS PRESENTATION. THE
18 MCNEIL JUBILEE SINGERS ENSEMBLE IS THE CREATION OF DR. MCNEIL,
19 WHO HAS DEDICATED HIMSELF TO UPHOLDING A TRADITION OF
20 EXCELLENCE WITH AN EVER-INCREASING CONTRIBUTION OF AFRICAN-
21 AMERICAN COMPOSERS OF CONCERT MUSIC, ART, THEATER MUSIC, AND
22 BLACK GOSPEL. SINCE THEIR INCEPTION OVER 35 YEARS AGO, THE
23 JUBILEE SINGERS HAVE PERFORMED IN OVER 70 COUNTRIES. IN
24 ADDITION, THEY HAVE BEEN ON THREE TOURS FOR THE UNITED STATES
25 DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM. DR. MCNEIL, IT GIVES



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1 ME GREAT PLEASURE TO HONOR YOU, AS WELL AS YOUR ORGANIZATION,
2 FOR YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN BRINGING SUCH WONDERFUL MUSIC TO SO
3 MANY. SO I ALSO WANT TO REMIND NOT ONLY YOU IN THE AUDIENCE,
4 BUT THE TV AUDIENCE AS WELL, THAT YOU ARE NOT ONLY GOING TO
5 GET TO HEAR THEM TODAY, BUT OBVIOUSLY FOR EVERYONE OUT THERE,
6 OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION EVENT AT THE
7 DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION ON DECEMBER 24TH, CHRISTMAS EVE. THE
8 JUBILEE SINGERS, AS I MENTIONED, WILL BE PERFORMING THERE. AND
9 THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND OR VIEW IT ON KCET. SO ON
10 BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS
11 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE WANT TO SAY A GRATEFUL HEARTFELT
12 THANKS TO THE ALBERT MCNEIL JUBILEE SINGERS. I WISH THEM WELL.
13 MANY MORE YEARS OF THIS BLESSED MUSIC, AND CONTINUED SUCCESS.
14 AND MR. MCNEIL ALSO IS A GREAT AMERICAN, BECAUSE HE LIVES IN
15 MY DISTRICT. [LAUGHTER.] SO, ANYWAY, LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND
16 OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **ALBERT MCNEIL:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SUPERVISOR BURKE, THESE ARE
19 MY FRIENDS, PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THAT I'VE KNOWN FOR
20 A LONG TIME. AND I PAUSED BRIEFLY. WHEN SHE WAS A MEMBER OF
21 THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, I WAS A
22 PROFESSOR OF MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND HAD THE
23 GREAT PLEASURE OF SEEING HER MARCH IN THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION
24 WHEN WE INAUGURATED ONE OF OUR CHANCELLOR'S. IT'S GOOD TO SEE
25 YOU. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU OUGHT TO BE PROUD OF THIS GROUP



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1 WHO GOT UP THIS MORNING ON A RAINY MORNING AND MADE IT DOWN
2 HERE ON TIME. DID YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID? ON TIME. AND I'M SO
3 PLEASED TO BE A PART OF THEM, AND THEY A PART OF US. WE HAVE
4 TRAVELED TO 72 COUNTRIES. WE HAVE YET TO GO TO-- BUT MOST OF
5 THE CONTINENTS ON THE PLANET. AND NOW MY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
6 WILL LEAD US IN ONE SONG. AND IT'S CALLED "EVERY TIME I FEEL
7 THE SPIRIT" WITH MY PRODUCTION PERSON BEING THE SOLOIST,
8 DOUGLAS GRIFFIN. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SINGERS:** EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT MOVING IN MY HEART, I
11 WILL PRAY. EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT, MOVING IN MY HEART, I
12 WILL PRAY. EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT MOVING IN MY HEART, I
13 WILL PRAY. EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT MOVING IN MY HEART, I
14 WILL PRAY. ON THE MOUNTAIN, MY LORD SPOKE, OUT OF HIS MOUTH
15 CAME FIRE AND SMOKE. IN THE VALLEY ON MY KNEES, I ASKED THE
16 LORD TO HAVE MERCY, PLEASE. JORDAN RIVER, CHILLY AND COLD, IT
17 CHILLS THE BODY BUT NOT THE SOUL. AIN'T BUT ONE THING THAT I
18 KNOW, ASK THE LORD IF ALL WERE MINE. AIN'T BUT ONE TRAIN ON
19 THIS TRACK. IT GOES TO HEAVEN AND RIGHT BACK. ST. PETER'S
20 WAITING AT THE GATE. SAID, "COME ON, SINNERS, DON'T BE LATE."
21 EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT, MOVING IN MY HEART I WILL PRAY.
22 EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT MOVING IN MY HEART, I WILL PRAY.
23 EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT MOVING IN MY HEART, I WILL PRAY.
24 EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT MOVING IN MY HEART, I WILL PRAY.
25 I WILL PRAY. I WILL PRAY. I WILL PRAY. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SINGERS:** LORD TAKE MY HAND, LEAD ME ON ... I AM TIRED, I AM
3 WEAK, I AM WORN. THROUGH THE STORM, THROUGH THE NIGHT, LEAD ME
4 ON TO THE LIGHT. TAKE MY HAND, LORD, AND LEAD ME HOME. WHEN MY
5 WAY GROWS DIM, PRECIOUS LORD, ... AND HOLD MY HAND. TAKE MY
6 HAND, LORD, AND LEAD ME HOME. OO, OO, OO [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE ALBERT MCNEIL JUBILEE
9 SINGERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND JUST A REMINDER, CHRISTMAS
10 EVE, DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION, IT'S FREE. YOU CAN COME DOWN
11 OR YOU CAN WATCH IT LIVE ON KCET. LAST YEAR, LAURA WAS TELLING
12 ME THAT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER HOLDS 3,000 PEOPLE, THERE WERE
13 9,000 PEOPLE SHOWED UP, THEY TURNED THE AUDITORIUM OVER THREE
14 TIMES. 600,000 PEOPLE WATCHED IT LIVE ON KCET. SO COME DOWN
15 AND ENJOY THE ALBERT MCNEIL JUBILEE SINGERS. LAURA, THANK YOU
16 FOR ALL THAT YOU DO TO MAKE THAT PROGRAM SO SUCCESSFUL. GOD
17 BLESS YOU ALL. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW, WE WILL GO TO THE STARS PRESENTATIONS.
20 EACH MONTH WE HONOR THE OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES THAT WE CALL
21 STARS, COUNTY STARS. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE
22 DECEMBER 2007 L.A. COUNTY STARS. IN THE CATEGORY OF
23 ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. PLEASE WELCOME NORMA FRITSCH
24 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. MS. FRITSCH HAS
25 UTILIZED HER EXPERIENCE IN QUALITY ASSURANCE, PROGRAM REVIEW



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1 AND MEDICAL RECORDS TO SERVE AS ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S KEY
2 CONTRIBUTORS TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
3 INTEGRATED SYSTEM. HER EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF FEDERAL, STATE
4 AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSES HAS BEEN CRITICAL IN
5 IMPLEMENTING A SYSTEM THAT MEETS REQUIREMENTS AT ALL LEVELS
6 WHILE BEING USER FRIENDLY AND AS USER FRIENDLY AS CAN POSSIBLY
7 BE. THROUGH HER TENACIOUSNESS, DETERMINATION, FOCUS AND
8 ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS, MS. FRITSCHER HAS IDENTIFIED AND
9 RESOLVED NUMEROUS PROBLEMS THAT IF LEFT UNINTENDED WOULD HAVE
10 SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED THE ABILITY OF THE SYSTEM TO DOCUMENT
11 SERVICES AND PROCESS CLAIMS ACCURATELY. HER ABILITY TO ANALYZE
12 SITUATIONS IS SECOND TO NONE AND SHE CONSISTENTLY PRODUCES
13 CREATIVE, WORKABLE SOLUTIONS. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE, DO YOU HAVE OTHER PRESENTATIONS? DO YOU HAVE
15 OTHER PRESENTATIONS? ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, TODAY WE HAVE A LITTLE MALTESE FEMALE
18 MIX. SHE'S ONE YEAR OLD. HER NAME IS CHERRY. WHERE IS CHERRY?
19 HERE COMES CHERRY. CHERRY HAS A LITTLE SANTA HAT ON. SO THIS
20 IS LITTLE CHERRY. AND CHERRY'S LOOKING FOR A HOME FOR
21 CHRISTMAS TO START 2008, WHICH IS THE YEAR OF THE MOUSE OR THE
22 YEAR OF THE RAT IN THE ASIAN CALENDAR. SO THIS IS CHERRY.
23 ANYBODY WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT HER YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644, OR
24 ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE. I KNOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
25 SHE'D MAKE A GREAT ADDITION TO THE DEPARTMENT OR TO ONE OF



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1 YOUR HOMES. AND IF YOU CALL TODAY, SHE CAN BE IN YOUR
2 CHRISTMAS STOCKING CHRISTMAS MORNING. OR IF YOU'RE ORTHODOX,
3 YOU CAN GIVE MORE THAN ONE AND HAVE IT IN YOUR CHRISTMAS
4 STOCKING ON JANUARY 6TH. SO, ANYWAY, THIS IS LITTLE CHERRY.
5 VERY CUTE.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH MY.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HUH? IS SHE A MATCH?

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UNFORTUNATELY, MY DOG IS VERY POSSESSIVE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW ABOUT IT DON, LOOK AT THIS. LOOK AT THESE
14 EYES.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT THAT'S A DOLL, THAT'S ADORABLE, BUT I
17 THINK SOMEONE ELSE HAS THE PRIORITY ON HER. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

18

19 **SUP. DON KNABE:** WE HAVE ONE MORE, BUT THEY WANT TO GO LAST,
20 BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT ARRIVED.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, THEY WANT TO GO LATER?

23

24 **SUP. DON KNABE:** NO, THEY HAVEN'T ARRIVED YET.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL TAKE SUPERVISOR MOLINA, AND
2 THEN I WILL DO MINE, THEN HE'LL COME BACK LATER. HIS PEOPLE
3 AREN'T HERE.

4
5 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. WELL IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING
6 TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN A PART OF ALL
7 OF OUR LIVES FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST
8 LINDA ALVAREZ. IN 1985, LINDA JOINED KNBC. SHE WAS THE FIRST
9 LATINA WEEKDAY ANCHOR IN LOS ANGELES. IN 1993, LINDA JOINED
10 THE CBS 2 NEWS TEAM, WHERE SHE SERVED AS AN ANCHOR AND A
11 SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER FOR OVER 14 YEARS. OVER THE YEARS,
12 LINDA HAS KEPT LOCAL AUDIENCES WELL-INFORMED THROUGH HER
13 THOROUGH AND VERY PROFESSIONAL REPORTING. SHE'S A TREMENDOUS
14 INSPIRATION IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY AND SHE'S INSPIRED
15 COUNTLESS YOUNG PEOPLE TO PURSUE CAREERS IN JOURNALISM AND TO
16 STRIVE FOR JOURNALISTIC EXCELLENCE. THROUGHOUT HER ILLUSTRIOUS
17 CAREER, LINDA HAS EARNED NUMEROUS AWARDS, INCLUDING 12 EMMYS,
18 VARIOUS PRESS CLUB HONORS, THE GOLDEN MIKE AWARDS FOR HER NEWS
19 ANCHORING AND SPECIAL REPORTS PROFILING PEOPLE WHO HAVE
20 SUCCESSFULLY IMPROVED THEIR COMMUNITIES. SHE WAS RECOGNIZED BY
21 THE AMERICAN WOMEN IN RADIO AND TELEVISION, THE NATIONAL
22 ASSOCIATION OF HISPANIC JOURNALISTS, THE CALIFORNIA TEACHERS
23 ASSOCIATION. SHE RECEIVED THE RUBEN SALAZAR AWARD FOR
24 JOURNALISM, HISPANIC AMERICANS FOR FAIRNESS IN MEDIA AND THE
25 CALIFORNIA CHICANO NEWS MEDIA ASSOCIATION, AS WELL AS MANY



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1 OTHERS. LINDA HAS ALSO BEEN NAMED WOMAN OF THE YEAR BY THE
2 YWCA OF LOS ANGELES AND THE MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND
3 EDUCATION FUND. SHE HAS ALSO RECEIVED THE PIONEER AWARD FROM
4 BIG SISTERS OF LOS ANGELES AND WAS NAMED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
5 BY THE U.C.L.A. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. WELL, LINDA, WE'RE VERY,
6 VERY PROUD TO RECOGNIZE YOU FOR YOUR VERY DISTINGUISHED
7 CAREER. I KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE DOING SOME NEW THINGS,
8 WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO ALL OF THOSE NEW THINGS. BUT WE'RE
9 VERY PROUD TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE OF
10 ACCOMPLISHMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING
11 US THIS MORNING AND CONGRATULATIONS.

12

13 **LINDA ALVAREZ:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE VERY PROUD OF YOU. THIS IS LINDA'S FAMILY.
16 COME ON UP.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, LINDA. I WANT YOU TO SHARE A FEW WORDS
19 WITH US IF YOU WOULD.

20

21 **LINDA ALVAREZ:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
22 AND TO ALL OF THE LEADERS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
23 YOU KNOW, I WAS BORN JUST ABOUT A MILE FROM HERE. MY
24 GRANDPARENTS' HOME ON COLTON STREET OVERLOOKING THE CIVIC
25 CENTER. AND I REMEMBER AS A LITTLE GIRL LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW



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1 OF MY GRANDPARENTS' BEDROOM AND WATCHING THE CHANGING CITY AND
2 WATCHING IT GROW. AND I ALWAYS FELT ROOTED IN THIS COMMUNITY.
3 MY INITIALS ARE L.A. AND L.A. WAS ALWAYS MY NICKNAME. AND TO
4 BE HONORED TODAY IN THIS GREAT HALL IS CERTAINLY A PRIVILEGE
5 THAT I NEVER EXPECTED. BUT I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT IN ANYTHING
6 I'VE EVER DONE, IN MY WORK, IN MY LIFE, I HAVE NEVER FELT THAT
7 I STOOD ALONE. MY FAMILY THAT YOU SEE AND MY FRIENDS THAT ARE
8 HERE TODAY, MY HUSBAND, MY SISTERS, MY BROTHER-IN-LAW, MY
9 AUNTS, MY COUSINS, MY NEPHEWS AND MY DEAR FRIENDS, THEY ARE
10 ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING ME THE SUPPORT AND LOVE, AND THAT
11 HAS MADE ME STRONG. AND SO HAVE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES.
12 THEIR STORIES HAVE INSPIRED ME. AND BY SHARING THOSE STORIES
13 WITH THE VIEWERS OF LOS ANGELES, I HAVE HOPED TO INSPIRE,
14 EMPOWER OUR VIEWERS. I HAVE BEEN PART OF A GREAT TEAM. AND BY
15 HONORING ME TODAY, YOU ARE PAYING TRIBUTE TO MY FAMILY AND TO
16 ALL OF THE TELEVISION JOURNALISTS WHO WORK VERY HARD AND WHO
17 REALLY DO CARE ABOUT MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER. MY HEART
18 IS HERE TODAY. AND IT ALWAYS WILL BE AS LONG AS I WORK AND
19 LIVE IN THIS GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO
20 ALL OF YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD AQUIL BASHEER,
23 COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND FIREFIGHTER. AQUIL? HOW ARE YOU? MR.
24 BASHEER HAS NOT BEEN ONLY A DEDICATED LOS ANGELES CITY
25 FIREFIGHTER FOR OVER 26 YEARS, BUT ALSO THE FOUNDER OF MAXIMUM



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1 FORCE ENTERPRISES, A NATIONALLY DISTINGUISHED VIOLENCE
2 PREVENTION, INTERVENTION CONSULTING AND TRAINING FIRM. HE'S A
3 WORLD RENOWNED RETIRED EIGHT-TIME WORLD CHAMPION AND TENTH-
4 DEGREE GRAND MASTER. HE'S ALSO A SPECIALIZED IMPROVED WEAPONS
5 EXPERT AND FOUNDER OF COMPREHENSIVE OFFENSIVE MANEUVERING
6 BEFORE AGGRESSIVE TACTICS "COMBAT." AS ONE OF THE MOST
7 QUALIFIED GANG PREVENTION INTERVENTION AUTHORITIES IN LOS
8 ANGELES, HE TEACHES AND INSTRUCTS EDUCATIONAL ENTITIES, GANG
9 PREVENTION TEAMS, PRIVATE INDUSTRY, SELECT LAW ENFORCEMENT
10 PERSONNEL, IN ADDITION TO THE CITY AND COUNTY AGENCIES. IT'S
11 WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO AQUIL
12 BASHEER IN RECOGNITION OF HIS ROLE AND COMMITMENT IN WORKING
13 WITH CIVIC AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT WE
14 APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU'VE WORKED WITH US AND HELPED US
15 OVER THESE YEARS ON DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.

16

17 **AQUIL BASHEER:** YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE DO DEPEND UPON YOU, AND WE REALLY
20 APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
21 TRYING TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES WE HAVE WITH YOUR HELP.

22

23 **AQUIL BASHEER:** THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **AQUIL BASHEER:** IN THE NAME OF GOD, I WANT TO REALLY THANK THE
3 SUPERVISOR AND HER LEAD TEAM, JOHN HILL AND SPECIFICALLY JAMES
4 BOWDEN. I JUST HAVE TO TAKE MY HAT OFF TO THE SUPERVISOR.
5 EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE ASKED HER TO DO WHEN IT COMES TO
6 INTERVENTION IN THE STREETS, COMMUNITY SURVIVAL DAY, YOUTH
7 SURVIVAL DAY, ETC., SHE'S BEEN THERE WITHOUT ANY QUESTION. AND
8 IT'S BEEN AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH HER, HER TAKING
9 THE LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE BOARD. BUT I SHOULD
10 REALLY BE GIVING HER AN AWARD FOR HER SUPPORT AND HER
11 RECOGNITION OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE. REAL QUICK, WE ARE IN A
12 SERIOUS SITUATION. AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE TO GO OUT
13 HERE AND DO THIS WORK. SOMETIMES MY KIDS LOOK AT ME AT TWO
14 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING WHEN I'M ON THE FRONTLINE DODGING
15 BULLETS AND THEY SAY "DADDY, WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?" AND
16 MY WIFE SAYS "YOU'RE GOING AGAIN?" AND I HAVE TO QUESTION
17 MYSELF. AND IT'S AWARDS LIKE THIS WHICH MAKES ME REALIZE THAT
18 CERTAIN PEOPLE DO APPRECIATE THE WORK WE'VE DONE. AND I WILL
19 TELL YOU, YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A MANDATED
20 RESPONSIBILITY. IT IS NOT A CHOICE. I WANT TO SAY REAL QUICK
21 TO MY TEAM WHO HAVE DONE OUTSTANDING WORK AND THE FIRE
22 DEPARTMENT FAMILY, WHO HAS BEEN GRACEFUL ENOUGH TO ALLOW ME TO
23 DO THIS WORK AND GIVE ME THE SUPPORT I NEED. SO AGAIN, I THANK
24 EVERYBODY. I HAD TO MEASURE, BUT IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE. THANK
25 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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TIME TO FIGHT FIRES. HE WORKS SO MUCH IN THE COMMUNITY, AS
WELL. BUT WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT HE HAS THAT COOPERATION
FROM THE DEPARTMENT. I'D LIKE TO NOW CALL FORWARD THE
CORPORATE SPONSOR REPRESENTATIVES FOR OUR 2007 SECOND DISTRICT
TURKEY GIVEAWAY. EACH YEAR DURING THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
SEASON, THANKS TO THE GENEROUS DONATION OF CORPORATE SPONSORS,
I'M ABLE TO GO OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY OF THE SECOND DISTRICT
AND HOST TURKEY GIVEAWAYS. WE'RE ABLE TO HAND OUT HUNDREDS OF
TURKEYS TO THE LESS FORTUNATE AND SENIORS PARTICIPATING IN
NUTRITION PROGRAMS AT OUR SENIOR CENTERS. THIS YEAR THERE WERE
1,068 FAMILIES FED THROUGH THESE DONATIONS. 450 THROUGH SENIOR
CENTERS, 618 THROUGH COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
THROUGHOUT THE SECOND DISTRICT. TODAY I'M PLEASED TO
ACKNOWLEDGE THE CORPORATE SPONSORS WHO MADE THE TURKEY
GIVEAWAY A SUCCESS. FIRST OF ALL, PALMS RESIDENTIAL CARE.
RIGHT HERE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] HOW MANY ADDITIONAL
PEOPLE DID YOU FEED? YOU GAVE US A LOT OF TURKEYS, BUT YOU HAD
HOW MANY?

21

SPEAKER: 10,000.

23

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: 10,000 PEOPLE, THEY PROVIDED FOOD FOR AND
TURKEYS DURING THE THANKSGIVING SEASON. [APPLAUSE.] JACKSON



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1 LIMOUSINE. AND THEY'RE PART OF THAT 10,000 OUT AT THEIR
2 FACILITY, THEY GAVE OUT -- PEOPLE WERE LINED FOR BLOCKS. AND
3 10,000 TURKEYS AND MEALS THEY GAVE OUT. [APPLAUSE.] GOLDEN
4 STATE WATER COMPANY. AND THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO HELP US WITH
5 TURKEYS OVER THE YEARS AND CERTIFICATES. GOLDEN STATE WATER
6 COMPANY. [APPLAUSE.] AND THEY ALSO HELP PASS THEM OUT, TOO.
7 THANK YOU. AND I DIDN'T ANNOUNCE LYNN DEVAI WAS FROM JACKSON
8 LIMOUSINE. OF COURSE, KEVIN PICKET WE ANNOUNCED. BUT FROM
9 GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY WE HAVE CHAD RISAI AND ALSO PAUL
10 ROLLEY, WHO'S HERE WITH US. HE IS THE CENTRAL DISTRICT
11 MANAGER. NOW FROM ALBERTSON'S WE HAVE SCOTT LITTEN, GARDENA
12 STORE DIRECTOR; RON SPURLOCK, HAWTHORNE STORE DIRECTOR.
13 ALBERTSON'S, MANY THANKS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.] RALPH'S/FOOD 4
14 LESS AND WE HAVE HERE CARRIE RIDGE, COMMUNITY RELATIONS
15 MANAGER. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NOT ONLY DO THEY GIVE TURKEYS,
16 THEY GIVE CERTIFICATES. [APPLAUSE.] YOU'RE GETTING TWO, OKAY.
17 AND R-RANCH MARKET, MIKE SHALABI? HE'S NOT HERE. SUPERIOR
18 GROCERS. AND FROM SUPERIOR GROCERS, VALERIE BAILEY, AND SHE
19 CAME OUT AND HELPED, AND EUGENE BENNETT. [APPLAUSE.] YOU KNOW,
20 I HAVE TO SAY IT'S ONE THING FOR PEOPLE JUST TO SEND THEIR
21 TURKEYS OR THEIR MONEY, BUT SO MANY OF THESE PEOPLE HERE ARE
22 VOLUNTEERS. THEY PASS OUT THE TURKEYS, SO THEY REALLY GET TO
23 SEE THAT THEY'RE NEEDED. THEY DON'T GO TO WASTE AND THEY DON'T
24 GO TO OTHER PEOPLE WHO DON'T NEED IT. THEY GET TO SEE IT AND
25 THEY MAKE SURE BECAUSE THEY'RE RIGHT THERE ON THE SCENE. AND I



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1 REALLY APPRECIATE IT OVER THE YEARS. YOU'VE HELPED ME OVER THE
2 YEARS WITH THIS. AND I APPRECIATE IT SO MUCH. THANK YOU SO
3 MUCH. AND WHO'S GOING TO SPEAK FOR EVERYONE? COME ON.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS SPEAKING FOR EVERYONE,
6 BUT ON BEHALF OF GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY, ITS PRESIDENT,
7 MR. FLOYD WICKS, ALL THE DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN OF GOLDEN
8 STATE WATER, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR FOR
9 RECOGNIZING GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY FOR ITS COMMUNITY
10 INVOLVEMENT AND ALL THE OTHER COMPANIES WHO ARE HERE TODAY. SO
11 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF PALMS RESIDENTIAL AND JACKSON LIMOUSINE,
16 I JUST WANT TO SAY IT'S AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE
17 AND TO BE ABLE TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES, IN
18 PARTICULAR THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, TO WORK IN
19 COLLABORATION WITH SUPERVISOR BURKE. IT IS ABSOLUTELY OUR
20 PLEASURE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **RON SPURLOCK:** AGAIN, RON SPURLOCK WITH ALBERTSON'S AND AS
25 STORE DIRECTOR OF HAWTHORNE CITY, IT'S A PLEASURE AS A COMPANY



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1 TO BE ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, THE COMMUNITY THAT
2 DOES SO MUCH TO US AS A BUSINESS. SO IT'S A PLEASURE.
3 [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **CARRIE RIDGE:** HI. AT RALPH'S AND FOOD 4 LESS, WE TRULY BELIEVE
6 IN GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. IT'S ESPECIALLY
7 IMPORTANT DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK
8 SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR ALLOWING US THE OPPORTUNITY, AND I LOOK
9 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] AND ON BEHALF OF
12 SUPERIOR MARKETS, THEY SAID THEY'LL BE THERE. THANK YOU VERY
13 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE ONE FINAL
16 PRESENTATION, AND THAT'S TO FREDDIE WILLIAMS, THE DIRECTOR OF
17 THE CIVIC CENTER CHOIR. THE CIVIC CENTER CHOIR RECENTLY
18 CELEBRATED THEIR 38TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY SEASON GREETING CONCERT
19 ON DECEMBER 13TH. THE CHOIR ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS THE ASSESSORS'
20 MAPPING SERVICE CHOIR WAS STARTED IN 1968 BY 13 ASSESSOR
21 EMPLOYEES. FREDDIE HAS SERVED AS THE CHOIR DIRECTOR FOR THE
22 PAST 22 YEARS AND IS THE COUNTY AUDITOR/CONTROLLER EMPLOYEE.
23 SHE IS SOON TO RETIRE IN FEBRUARY, AFTER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE
24 TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BEFORE SHE SAYS A FEW WORDS, I'M
25 DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE CHOIR MEMBERS, SYLVESTER WILLIAMS AND



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1 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR. LET ME MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO
2 HER SO WE CAN TAKE A VOTE ON THIS. [MUSIC.]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SYLVESTER WILLIAMS WILL SING THE
5 CHRISTMAS SONG.

6

7 **SYLVESTER WILLIAMS:** TONY'S PLAYING THE WRONG SONG. TONY?
8 NUMBER 2. THE CHRISTMAS SONG. I WANT TO PUT EVERYBODY INTO THE
9 CHRISTMAS SPIRIT. [MUSIC.]

10

11 **SYLVESTER WILLIAMS:** CHESTNUTS ROASTING ON AN OPEN FIRE. AND
12 JACK FROST NIPPING AT YOUR NOSE. YULE TIME CAROLS BEING SUNG
13 BY A CHOIR, AND FOLKS DRESSED UP LIKE ESKIMOS. AND EVERYBODY
14 KNOWS A TURKEY AND MISTLETOE, THEY HELP TO MAKE THE SEASON
15 BRIGHT. TINY TOTS WITH THEIR EYES ALL AGLOW WILL FIND IT HARD
16 TO SLEEP TONIGHT. THEY KNOW THAT SANTA'S ON HIS WAY. HE LOADED
17 LOTS OF TOYS AND GOODIES ON HIS SLEIGH. AND EVERY MOTHER'S
18 CHILD IS GOING TO TRY TO SEE IF REINDEERS, DO THEY REALLY KNOW
19 HOW TO FLY? AND SO I'M OFFERING THIS SIMPLE PHRASE TO KIDS
20 FROM 1 TO 92. ALTHOUGH IT'S BEEN SAID MANY TIMES, MANY WAYS:
21 MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU. [HUMMING] HE'S ON HIS WAY. AND HE
22 LOADED LOTS OF TOYS AND GOODIES ON HIS SLEIGH. AND EVERY
23 MOTHER'S CHILD IS GOING TO TRY TO SEE IF REINDEER REINDEERS,
24 DO THEY REALLY KNOW HOW TO FLY? AND SO I'M OFFERING THIS



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1 SIMPLE PHRASE TO KIDS FROM 1 TO 92. ALTHOUGH IT'S BEEN SAID
2 MANY TIMES, MANY WAYS: MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND AS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, LUTHER IS WITH
5 PROBATIONS, PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND NOW
6 WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD?

7

8 **FREDDIE WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. GOOD MORNING.
9 TO THE ENTIRE BOARD, I JUST WANT TO PERSONALLY, FIRST, THANK
10 YOU FOR SETTING ASIDE THIS MOMENT FOR ME, FOR IT IS TRULY AN
11 HONOR. AND I AM FILLED WITH SO MUCH JOY, UNSPEAKABLE JOY.
12 SECONDLY, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GRANTING THE CHOIR
13 PRIVILEGES TO SING IN THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION FOR 38 YEARS.
14 38 LONG YEARS. [APPLAUSE.] FOR I KNOW AT THE STROKE OF A PEN
15 OR A WORD, IT COULD HAVE CEASED TO BE NO MORE, AND I
16 PERSONALLY THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR BURKE, I'VE GOT TO TELL
17 YOU THIS STORY. WHEN YOU FIRST STARTED CAMPAIGNING, I WORKED
18 THE CAMPAIGN, THE FIRST ONE. SO WHEN I WENT IN, I TOLD THE
19 PEOPLE, I SAID, "I'M IN IT TO WIN IT." AND SO WHEN YOU CAME IN
20 SO GRACIOUSLY SMILING ELOQUENTLY LIKE AND YOU THANKED
21 EVERYBODY FOR WORKING ON THE CAMPAIGN, AND WHEN YOU LEFT, I
22 TOLD THEM "WE GOT THIS ONE." SO AND THE REST, IT SPEAKS FOR
23 ITSELF. SHE'S HERE. THANK YOU. AND DALE, I WANT TO THANK DALE
24 HUFF FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE, FOR SPEARHEADING THIS. AND ALSO
25 THE CHOIR, THANK YOU, DALE. THANK THE CHOIR FOR ALLOWING ME TO



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1 LEAD YOU OVER THE YEARS. AND I WANT TO THANK MY FAMILY AND I
2 WANT TO INTRODUCE MY FAMILY. THIS IS MY SISTER, EVELYN. SHE'S
3 A PHOTOGRAPHER. IF YOU NEED YOUR HAIR STYLED, SHE WILL DO IT.
4 IF YOU NEED YOUR HAIR CUT, THAT'S HER. IF YOU NEED YOUR
5 PICTURE TAKEN, THAT'S HER. AND THEN MY SISTER EVELYN THOMAS.
6 EVELYN IS AN EX-COUNTY EMPLOYEE ALSO. SHE STARTED OUT WITH THE
7 DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT. AND THEN OF COURSE, YOU MET MY
8 BROTHER SYLVESTER, HE'S WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT NUMBER
9 12. I BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE HAS A SEASON. AND I
10 WANT TO THANK SAVANNAH GREEN FOR HER SEASON. SAVANNAH GREEN
11 STARTED THE CHOIR SOME 38 YEARS AGO. AND DURING HER SEASON SHE
12 PAVED THE WAY FOR THE FREDDIE WILLIAMS SEASON. AND I HAVE THE
13 21 YEARS OF LEADING THE CHOIR. [APPLAUSE.] AND NOW I WANT TO
14 INTRODUCE TO YOU A NEW SEASON. IT'S CALLED THE PATRICE HORN
15 SEASON. SHE WILL TAKE THE CHOIR OVER. SHE'S FROM THE COUNTY
16 COUNSEL DEPARTMENT. THIS IS PATRICE HORN RIGHT HERE.
17 [APPLAUSE.] AND I THINK THAT'S IT. SAVANNAH, WOULD YOU COME
18 UP?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LET'S GET A PICTURE WITH HER.

21

22 **FREDDIE WILLIAMS:** THIS IS THE PAST, PRESENT AND THE FUTURE.

23 [APPLAUSE.]

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. 40 YEARS. THAT CONCLUDES
2 MY PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS NEXT UP. SUPERVISOR
3 ANTONOVICH, ARE YOUR PEOPLE HERE? AND THEN SUPERVISOR MOLINA
4 IS COMING SOON.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL THIS MORNING WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE
7 PEOPLE FROM PARKS AND RECREATION, RUSS GUINEY WHO IS OUR
8 DIRECTOR, AND KATHLEEN RITNER, WHO IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AS
9 WE RECOGNIZE THE DEPARTMENT'S 2007 L.A. PARKS HEROES. BACK IN
10 1989, PEOPLE FOR PARKS, WHICH IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, WAS
11 CREATED WITH THE MISSION TO PRESERVE, REVITALIZE AND EXPAND
12 OUR LOCAL PARKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE
13 PROGRAM ALSO SOUGHT TO RECOGNIZE THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO USED
14 RECREATION TO BUILD BETTER COMMUNITIES AND IMPROVE THE LIVES
15 OF OUR RESIDENTS. TODAY WE CALL THOSE, THE PROGRAM IS CALLED
16 THE L.A. PARKS HERO AWARDS. THEY HIGHLIGHT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE
17 BY EXEMPLARY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC EMPLOYEES AND
18 VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT
19 THEY HAVE SERVED. NOW TO BECOME AN AWARDEE, AN INDIVIDUAL
20 FIRST MUST DEMONSTRATE AN INNOVATION IN PROGRAMMING
21 RECREATIONAL VALUES THROUGH PARKS AND RECREATION AND
22 LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO WE WOULD LIKE TO
23 RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING: THE FIRST ONE IS GARY DICKERSON, WHO
24 BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A POOL MANAGER AT THE AGE OF 18. AND
25 THROUGHOUT HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT HE HAS ADVANCED TO



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1 THE REGIONAL RECREATION DIRECTOR FOR THE NORTH AGENCY. AND IN
2 1994, ALARMED BY THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN BACKYARD DROWNINGS
3 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, HE FOUNDED THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
4 DROWNING PREVENTION COMMITTEE TO INCREASE AWARENESS, WATER
5 SAFETY AWARENESS. AND BY THAT HE PROVIDED DIRECTION AND
6 LEADERSHIP TO HELP SAVE LIVES. SO, GARY? CONGRATULATIONS.
7 [APPLAUSE.] ONE MORE. NEXT IS KIMBERLY RHODES, WHO IS A
8 VOLUNTEER AT OUR CASTAIC SPORTS COMPLEX. AND HER WARM HEART
9 AND KIND SPIRIT HAS MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF
10 NUMEROUS YOUTHS AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX. SHE ASSISTS WITH
11 EVERYTHING FROM ORGANIZING DAY CAMP ACTIVITIES TO COACHING
12 YOUTH SOCCER. THE FACT THAT SHE HAS TIRELESSLY SERVED THE
13 COMMUNITY, DESPITE BATTLING LUPUS AND OTHER HEALTH ISSUES,
14 MAKES HER AN EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUAL. SO KIMBERLY? [APPLAUSE.]
15 NEXT IS MARCUS CARTER. AS MR. C. IS A RECRUITMENT RECREATION
16 LEADER AT LOMA ALTA PARK IN ALTADENA. WITHOUT SIGNS OF SLOWING
17 DOWN, AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 82, HE MAKES THE DAILY INSPECTIONS
18 THROUGHOUT THE PARKS TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE NO HAZARDS TO
19 VISITORS. HE'S A VERY RELIABLE, DEDICATED, ENTHUSIASTIC
20 EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN MENTORING AND BEING A
21 ROLE MODEL TO THE LOMA ALTA YOUNG PEOPLE. SO MARCUS,
22 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT IS JAMES WASHINGTON, WHO IS
23 A RETIRED POLICE OFFICER AND A VOLUNTEER AT JACKIE ROBINSON
24 PARK. HE HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND
25 FULLY DEVOTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY PROGRAMS AT OUR



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1 PARK. AT NO CHARGE TO STUDENTS, JAMES STARTED A BEGINNING
2 GUITAR CLASS AFTER TWO MONTHS OF LEARNING GUITAR BASICS. AND
3 THE STUDENTS HAVE PERFORMED AT THE ANNUAL JUNETEENTH EVENT,
4 WHICH IS A HISTORICAL EVENT IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY AND
5 AMERICAN HISTORY. JAMES ALSO PROMOTES HEALTHY PARKS BY
6 TEACHING A FITNESS CLASS AND REFRESHING THE PARK'S BOXING
7 CLUB. [APPLAUSE.] SONYA JACKIE TALBERT MACKIE, AS A RECREATION
8 SERVICE LEADER AT PAMELA PARK. SHE HAS GAINED THE RESPECT AND
9 ADMIRATION OF EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS COMMUNITY MEMBERS
10 THROUGHOUT HER INNOVATIVE IDEAS THAT HAVE MOTIVATED TEENS TO
11 STAY INVOLVED WITH PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE COUNTY CHEERLEADING
12 AND CAPERS PROGRAMS. SHE HAS ESTABLISHED A TEEN CLUB, A
13 COMPREHENSIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMPUTER CLUB, AND THE SUMMER FOOD
14 SERVICE AND SNACK PROGRAMS. DURING SPECIAL EVENTS, SUCH AS THE
15 ANNUAL YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY, SHE'S ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO HELP
16 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. SO, JACKIE? CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]
17 ALEX REYES HAS VOLUNTEERED AT SUMMER CAMPS AND MANY SPECIAL
18 EVENTS AT BASSETT PARK IN LA PUENTE. AT THE AGE OF 13, HE
19 OVERCAME A ROUGH CHILDHOOD TO BECOME AN EXCELLENT ROLE MODEL
20 FOR ALL SUMMER DAY CAMP CHILDREN. A VERY HUMBLE AND ALWAYS
21 POSITIVE ATTITUDE THAT HE HAS, HE'S ALWAYS WILLING TO GO OUT
22 OF HIS WAY TO MAKE OTHERS HAPPY, IN SEVERAL OCCASIONS
23 VOLUNTEERING TO PREPARE LUNCH FOR OTHER CHILDREN WHO GO ON
24 FIELD TRIPS. HE'S AN AMAZING L.A. PARK HERO. AND ACCEPTING ON
25 HIS BEHALF IS HIS SUPERVISOR, LORRAINE MARTINEZ. [APPLAUSE.]



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RUSS GUINEY: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU FOR HONORING
THESE EMPLOYEES. EACH OF THESE EMPLOYEES WAS HONORED EARLIER
THIS YEAR BY A GROUP CALLED PEOPLE FOR PARKS, WHICH HAS WORKED
IN L.A. COUNTY SINCE 1988 TO SUPPORT OUR PARK AGENCIES. AND
THEY PRESENT AWARDS TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CITY OF LOS
ANGELES AND MANY OF THE OTHER CITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
COUNTY IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION FIELD. SO THESE FOLKS WERE
COMPETING AGAINST A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE FOR THE AWARDS THAT
THEY'VE RECEIVED. AND THEY TRULY EPITOMIZE THE COUNTY'S EFFORT
TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE AND CARING SERVICE AND TO HELP CREATE
COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS, AND PROGRAMS. I'M REALLY
HONORED TO WORK WITH THEM. THEY'RE A GREAT GROUP OF EMPLOYEES.
SOME OF THEIR SUPERVISORS ARE HERE TODAY ALONG WITH OUR DEPUTY
DIRECTOR KATHLEEN RITNER AND REGIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGER ROY
WILLIAMS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. [APPLAUSE.]
[LAUGHTER.]

18

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR YOUR
PRESENTATIONS?

21

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I'D LIKE TO ASK CONNY MCCORMACK TO COME
FORWARD. WHERE IS SHE? THERE SHE IS, OKAY. THE COUNTY DOG IS
HERE, TOO, AND THE HUSBAND, NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER. ALL
RIGHT. IT'S A GREAT PRIVILEGE, BUT IT'S ALSO WITH MIXED



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1 EMOTIONS THAT WE PRESENT CONNY MCCORMACK WITH A PROCLAMATION
2 UPON HER RETIREMENT AS THE REGISTRAR RECORDER FOR LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY. ALL OF US HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH CONNY
4 OVER THESE LAST 12 YEARS. SHE CAME HERE IN DECEMBER OF 1995,
5 AND HAS SERVED AS OUR COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER SINCE THAT
6 TIME. PRIOR TO THAT, SHE WAS AN ELECTION CONSULTANT FOR THE
7 INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ELECTORAL SYSTEMS IN MOSCOW, IN
8 THE FORMER SOVIET UNION, IN RUSSIA. AND SHE WAS A CONSULTANT
9 TO THE RUSSIAN CENTRAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION AND ADVISED THEM
10 ON ELECTION TECHNOLOGY, MODERNIZING BALLOT TABULATION
11 PROCESSES, ELECTION LAWS, AND TRAINING MATERIALS FOR POLL
12 WORKERS. OF COURSE, ALL THAT'S GONE OUT THE WINDOW IN THE LAST
13 COUPLE OF ELECTIONS, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE CONNY HASN'T BEEN
14 THERE. FROM 1987 TO '94, SHE WAS A REGISTRAR IN SAN DIEGO
15 COUNTY. PRIOR TO THAT, AN ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR IN DALLAS
16 COUNTY, TEXAS, A DIRECTOR IN THE JURY SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN
17 DALLAS COUNTY IN THE LATE '70S AND EARLY '80S, AN ADJUNCT
18 PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS IN THE AMERICAN
19 POLITICAL SYSTEM, A COURSE CONCENTRATION IN ELECTORAL BEHAVIOR
20 AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF VOTERS. AND SHE STARTED HER
21 CAREER AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE VICE MAYOR IN
22 ATLANTA, IN THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. SO
23 SHE'S HAD A STORIED CAREER IN THIS VERY ARCANE AND DIFFICULT
24 FIELD, AND IMPORTANT FIELD FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, AND HAS
25 ACQUITTED HERSELF VERY WELL. I THINK WE ALL HAVE OUR CONNY



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1 STORIES. SOME OF THEM I WON'T SHARE. [LAUGHTER.] BUT THE ONE
2 THING THAT CHARACTERIZED CONNY MCCORMACK'S LEADERSHIP IN THAT
3 DEPARTMENT IS SHE WAS ALWAYS AND IS ALWAYS EXTREMELY WELL
4 PREPARED, WELL INFORMED, KNOWS HER BUSINESS EXTREMELY WELL AND
5 SHOWED GREAT ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP IN REALLY HANDLING
6 PROBABLY, I DON'T KNOW IF NEW YORK IS ANY MORE COMPLICATED,
7 BUT LEAVING THAT ONE ASIDE, THE MOST COMPLICATED ELECTORAL
8 JURISDICTION IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS THE COUNTY OF LOS
9 ANGELES WITH A MULTITUDE OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, A
10 MULTITUDE OF STATE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS, BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS, CITY COUNCILS, 88 CITIES, UNINCORPORATED AREAS,
12 WATER BOARDS, MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICTS, ALL THESE VARIOUS
13 ELECTIONS. AND DOZENS AND DOZENS OF ELECTIONS BEING HANDLED IN
14 GIVEN GEOGRAPHIC, SUB-GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE COUNTY AT ANY
15 GIVEN TIME, IT IS A MIRACLE, REALLY, AND A TRIBUTE TO HER
16 CAPABILITIES THAT THE ELECTIONS GO AS SMOOTHLY AS THEY DO.
17 THEY MAY NOT GO AS FAST AS WE'D LIKE THEM ON ELECTION NIGHT. I
18 REMEMBER IN 2000 WHEN I WAS IN JAPAN ON A VISIT WITH THE
19 PHILHARMONIC, I WAS WATCHING IN MY HOTEL ROOM THE ELECTION
20 RETURNS. AND THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHERE CALIFORNIA WAS BREAKING
21 BECAUSE ALL THE VOTES IN CALIFORNIA HAD BEEN COUNTED BUT L.A.
22 COUNTY WAS STILL ONLY 20% REPORTING. I CALLED YOU FROM JAPAN
23 "WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?" BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE
24 RESULTS HAVE BEEN SOLID, AND I THINK WE'VE ALL APPRECIATED THE
25 GREAT WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE. AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO MOVE ON,



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1 AFTER 12 YEARS AS THE COUNTY REGISTRAR RECORDER, ALL OF US
2 APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE COMMITMENT YOU'VE MADE TO THE COUNTY
3 OVER THESE YEARS. WE WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS
4 PROCLAMATION WHICH EXPRESSES OUR GRATITUDE AND SOME OF YOUR
5 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ROOM IN THE PROCLAMATION
6 FOR ALL OF THEM. AND I WANT TO JUST ADD THAT ASIDE FROM THE
7 REGISTRAR SIDE OF THINGS, THE RECORDER SIDE OF THINGS HAS ALSO
8 BEEN HANDLED. AND SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE
9 WORKS EVEN IN YOUR LAST YEAR AS REGISTRAR RECORDER ON THE
10 RECORDER SIDE WILL PAY DIVIDENDS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
11 MANY OF OUR MUNICIPAL JURISDICTIONS IN THE YEARS TO COME. AND
12 WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THAT, AS WELL. SO
13 CONNY, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US, AND I'M SURE OTHERS WILL HAVE
14 SOMETHING TO SAY, I WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS
15 PROCLAMATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THE COUNTY OF
16 LOS ANGELES. AND WE WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
17 [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO STATE THAT UNDER CONNY'S
20 LEADERSHIP, SATELLITE OFFICES HAVE BEEN BRINGING SERVICES
21 CLOSER TO ALL OF OUR CONSTITUENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BY
22 EXPEDITING AND PROVIDING COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND
23 OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AND AS YOU COULD SEE, HER LITTLE
24 DOG HERE. SHE'S BEEN INVOLVED IN ADOPTING MANY OF THE OF THE



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1 ANIMALS WE PRESENT HERE EACH WEEK, SO WE THANK HER FOR THAT.

2 THIS IS ONE OF THEM.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** ZEV, I JUST WANTED TO ADD, CONNY, I'VE ENJOYED
5 WORKING WITH CONNY OVER THE YEARS, AND NOT ONLY ON THE
6 ELECTIONS SIDE, IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A PRIVILEGE. BUT TO ALLOW US
7 TO GET INSIDE THE GUTS OF THE SYSTEM TO SEE HOW IT WORKS FROM
8 LITERALLY GETTING IN HELICOPTERS GOING OUT TO PICK UP BALLOTS,
9 TO WATCH THE DOG SNIFFING, TO DO WHATEVER, A VERY INVOLVED
10 PROCESS THAT PEOPLE JUST SORT OF READ ABOUT THE FINAL TOTALS.
11 BUT ON THE RECORDER SIDE AS WELL, TOO. AS MANY OF US HERE
12 REMEMBER, THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT
13 ISSUES ON THE RECORDER SIDE. AND THROUGH YOUR LEADERSHIP, YOU
14 WERE ABLE TO RESOLVE THOSE AS WELL, TOO. SO WE WISH YOU BOTH
15 THE VERY, VERY BEST. THANK YOU. IT'S BEEN A PRIVILEGE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND CONNY, IT CERTAINLY WAS AN HONOR TO BE ONE OF
18 YOUR POLL WORKERS AND TO BE JOINED BY MY DAUGHTER. THANK YOU
19 FOR THE RECRUITMENT THAT YOU'VE DONE AS FAR AS MAKING THE
20 POLLS WORK SO MUCH BETTER. CONGRATULATIONS.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONNY, WE KNOW YOU'VE HAD SOME TOUGH
23 ELECTIONS, YOU'VE HAD A LOT OF DIFFICULT ISSUES, PROBABLY MORE
24 SO THAN ANYONE WHO HAS HELD THAT POSITION OVER THE YEARS. AND
25 WE WANT TO WISH YOU WELL. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR THE



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1 JOB THAT YOU DID. WE REALLY HAD SOME GOOD ELECTIONS WITHOUT A
2 LOT OF FLAWS AND PROBLEMS, AND THAT DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN. IT
3 TAKES A LOT OF ORGANIZATION. AND YOU HAD A WONDERFUL STAFF.
4 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS. YOUR WORDS
7 MEAN SO MUCH TO ME. AND I ALSO PREPARED WORDS, A FEW WORDS
8 ABOUT EACH OF YOU BECAUSE WORKING FOR ALL OF YOU THESE PAST 12
9 YEARS HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE. AND IT'S BEEN
10 WONDERFUL THAT I'VE HAD THE SAME BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I MEAN
11 IN THE VERY BEGINNING DON CAME ON. BUT IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL
12 EXPERIENCE. AND THE THEME I'D LIKE TO PROJECT IS "SUPPORT."
13 BECAUSE SUCCESS COMES FROM SUPPORT AND IT COMES FROM THE
14 SUPPORT OF THE WHOLE COUNTY FAMILY, AND THAT'S THE DEPARTMENT
15 HEADS, THAT'S THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THAT'S THE STAFF.
16 AND SO MANY OF MY STAFF ARE OUT THERE TODAY AND I APPRECIATE
17 THAT. JUST A COUPLE EXAMPLES. SOME OF YOU STOLE SOME OF THE
18 THINGS I WAS GOING TO SAY. BUT I'LL START BY SAYING SUPERVISOR
19 ANTONOVICH, YOU ALWAYS CAME THROUGH WITH TANGIBLE PROGRAMS
20 WHEN YOU SAW PROBLEMS. AND ONE OF THE SHINING EXAMPLES OF THAT
21 WAS THE BOARD MOTION YOU INTRODUCED TO BRING FORTH A COUNTY
22 EMPLOYEE VOLUNTARY POLL WORKER PROGRAM. IT'S THE MOST
23 SUCCESSFUL ONE IN THE COUNTRY, IT'S A NATIONAL MODEL, IT
24 RECENTLY WAS INCLUDED IN A NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES MANUAL OUT
25 OF THE U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION. WE HAVE OVER 3,000



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1 COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN OUR FAMILY CONTRIBUTING IN MAJOR
2 ELECTIONS. IT'S BEEN FANTASTIC. YOUR PET ADOPTION PROGRAM,
3 I'VE HAD FOUR OF THE COUNTY PETS. THIS IS THE MOST RECENT ONE.
4 AND YOU'VE BROUGHT JOY TO MANY FAMILIES. I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER
5 YOU FOR THAT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU ALWAYS WOULD COME INTO
10 THE OFFICE, HIS DISTRICT IN NORWALK, AND YOU DIDN'T JUST COME
11 IN TO VOTE AND TO TALK TO ME, YOU CAME IN TO TALK TO OUR
12 EMPLOYEES. AND I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY OF THEM, YOU'D STOP
13 BY THEIR DESK AND YOU'D TALK TO THEM. AND THAT WAS ALL OVER
14 THE BUILDING. THE SUPERVISOR WAS HERE TODAY. THAT DIDN'T
15 HAPPEN ONCE OR TWICE. THAT HAPPENED FREQUENTLY. AND HE WANTED
16 TO KNOW HOW THINGS WORKED. AND HE WANTED TO KNOW THE
17 SPECIFICS. AND YOU MENTIONED ALREADY ON THE NIGHT OF THE
18 OCTOBER 2003 RECALL ELECTION, YOU WERE WITH US THE ENTIRE
19 EVENING AND TOOK A HELICOPTER RIDE OUT WITH THE SHERIFFS TO
20 HELP PICK UP BALLOTS AND TO BRING THEM BACK AND TO SEE WHAT IS
21 THAT PROCESS AND THE SECURITY OF IT AND THE VALUE OF IT THAT
22 WE HAVE. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU
23 ROLLED UP YOUR SLEEVES AND YOU WENT ON THE FRONT LINES OF
24 DEMOCRACY WITH 3,000 OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AND YOU DIDN'T
25 JUST DO IT ONCE AS AN EXAMPLE, YOU DID IT THREE TIMES. 14-HOUR



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1 DAYS. AND YOU SAW FIRSTHAND THE CHALLENGES THOSE POLL WORKERS
2 FACE. AND YOU GAINED A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF IT, AND I REALLY
3 APPRECIATE THAT AND WILL ALWAYS ADMIRE THAT. SUPERVISOR
4 YAROSLAVSKY, WE HAD AN INCREDIBLE RELATIONSHIP, BECAUSE EVEN
5 THOUGH FOR THE 12 YEARS THAT I WAS HERE, I DIRECTLY AND ALL
6 THE DEPARTMENT HEADS DIRECTLY REPORTED TO ALL FIVE
7 SUPERVISORS, THERE'S A LEAD SUPERVISOR FOR EVERY COUNTY
8 DEPARTMENT, AND I WAS FORTUNATE DURING THAT 12 YEARS THAT YOU
9 WERE THAT PERSON. WE WORKED THROUGH SO MANY ISSUES, COUNTY
10 INITIATIVE PETITIONS, RECORDER BACKLOG ISSUES AND SOME PRETTY
11 BAD PERSONNEL ISSUES. AND YOUR WISE COUNSEL SERVED ME SO WELL
12 DURING THAT TIME. YOU ALWAYS HAD GOOD ADVICE. WHEN I TOOK IT,
13 IT WAS SUCCESSFUL. THE ONE TIME I DIDN'T, I'M STILL PAINED BY
14 THAT. [LAUGHTER.] AND YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.
15 [LAUGHTER.] IT'S BEEN INVALUABLE TO HAVE THAT KIND OF A
16 RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU. YOU WERE ALWAYS, WHETHER YOU WERE
17 PICKING UP THE PHONE CALLING ME OR WHETHER I WAS DOING IT, YOU
18 WERE ALWAYS THERE. NIGHTS, DAYS, WEEKENDS, WE COULD TALK ABOUT
19 THE ISSUES. SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOUR DEMEANOR HAS MEANT SO MUCH
20 TO ME. YOU WOULD CALL ME AND IT WOULD BE ABOUT ALL LEVELS OF
21 COUNTY, OF ELECTED OFFICIALS. SOMETIMES THEY WERE
22 CONGRESSIONAL PEOPLE WHO HAD ISSUES, SOMETIMES THEY WERE CITY
23 COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND SOMETIMES THEY WERE WATER BOARD MEMBERS,
24 AND YOU WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE ISSUE WAS AND YOU ALWAYS
25 SOUGHT SOLUTIONS. IT WASN'T TO BLAME, IT WAS TO SAY "WHAT IS



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1 THE ISSUE AND HOW DO WE FIND A SOLUTION?" AND YOU TOOK A
2 PERSONAL INTEREST. WHEN I CAME TO EACH SUPERVISOR TO SAY THAT
3 I WAS LEAVING AND WHY, BECAUSE YOU WERE CONCERNED ABOUT ME AND
4 THE STRESS AND THE FUTURE AND WE SHARED THAT. IT MEANT A LOT
5 TO ME. AND YOUR CALM AND THOUGHTFUL DEMEANOR HAS JUST BEEN A
6 SHINING EXAMPLE FOR EVERYONE, AND CERTAINLY FOR ME. AND YOU
7 WILL ALWAYS BE A HERO IN MY BOOK. SO ALL OF YOU HAVE JUST BEEN
8 INVALUABLE. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE THE PREVIOUS
9 C.A.O., THE COUNTY COUNSEL, ALL THE DEPARTMENT HEADS. WE DO
10 THIS AS A TEAM, AND IT'S MADE IT SUCCESSFUL. THANK YOU SO
11 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATIONS.
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU'RE UP FIRST.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, BEFORE WE BEGIN, BEFORE WE
17 STOP FOR THE PRESENTATIONS, ITEM 76 WAS RECONSIDERED. IT ALSO
18 HAD A RELATED-TO, WHICH WAS ITEM NUMBER 20. IF WE COULD HAVE A
19 RECONSIDERATION ON THAT ITEM AS WELL.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE RECONSIDERATION.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. ITEM
24 20 IS RECONSIDERED ALSO.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
2 TODAY I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AILEEN ZANATTA WHO
3 WAS BORN IN SAN FRANCISCO TO ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS IN 1913. SHE
4 GREW UP IN THE BAY AREA. THEY STARTED A FAMILY IN THE EARLY
5 '40S. THEY HAVE THREE SONS THAT HAVE GIVEN THEM SIX
6 GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS. AILEEN MOVED TO
7 LONG BEACH TO BE NEAR HER YOUNGEST SON, DAVID, AND HIS FAMILY
8 A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO. SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL. SHE
9 IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS, JERRY, JOHN, AND DAVID;
10 GRANDCHILDREN, CARRIE, JENNY, JESSICA, ALLISON, JEFFREY,
11 MITCH; GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS, CALEY, SADIE, PAYTON, AND RYLIE.
12 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VICTORIA COLONNA, A LONG-
13 TIME LONG BEACH RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY,
14 SURROUNDED BY HER FAMILY ON DECEMBER 10TH. SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN
15 94 ON CHRISTMAS DAY. SHE WAS A VERY STRONG WOMAN AND LOVED HER
16 FAMILY. HER FAMILY CALLED HER "MAMMA C" AND "GRANDMA C." SHE
17 WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS,
18 MIKE AND HIS WIFE KATHY, AND THEIR CHILDREN. ALSO SON FRANK, A
19 FORMER CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ON THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, AND
20 WIFE, MICHELLE, AND THEIR FAMILY. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.
21 AND OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
22 MEMORY OF CELIA GOMEZ, SISTER OF ANN GOMEZ OF THE DEPARTMENT
23 OF HUMAN RESOURCES, WHO PASSED AWAY VERY SUDDENLY HERE
24 RECENTLY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER SALLY, SISTERS, ANN,
25 CARMELITA, AND A BROTHER, ORLANDO. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY



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1 OF JANECE GREGORY, WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON DECEMBER 9TH.
2 WHEN HER CHILDREN WERE OLDER, SHE OPENED A DRESS SHOP
3 "TOOTSIE," AFTER HER NICKNAME. SHE DEDICATED MUCH OF HER LIFE
4 TO HER FAMILY, HER RELIGION, AND CHARITABLE GROUPS AND
5 ORGANIZATIONS. SHE WAS THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE LITTLE
6 MERMAIDS GROUP, A WOMEN'S FUNDRAISING GROUP DEDICATED TO CHOCS
7 HOSPITAL. SHE ENJOYED OUTINGS WITH HER RV GROUP AND CRUISES TO
8 DESTINATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
9 HUSBAND OF 54 YEARS, JIM, THREE CHILDREN, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN
10 AND SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND A SISTER. ALSO THAT WE
11 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MASON KIGHT. WELL-KNOWN ATTORNEY AND LONG
12 BEACH ACTIVIST, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 76. HE
13 WENT TO WILSON HIGH SCHOOL IN LONG BEACH, LONG BEACH CITY
14 COLLEGE, U.C.L.A., U.S.C. SCHOOL OF LAW. HE MARRIED JANICE IN
15 1964, AND THEY WERE UNTIL HER DEATH EIGHT MONTHS AGO. HE
16 ENJOYED HIS FAMILY TRIPS AND TOOK BOAT TRIPS TO CATALINA AND
17 YEARLY SKI TRIPS. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED AND PAST PRESIDENT OF
18 LONG BEACH CENTURY CLUB, GRAND PRIX COMMITTEE OF 300, THE LONG
19 BEACH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, DARE, AND WAS A SANTA
20 CLAUS IN THE BELMONT SHORE PARADE FOR 20 YEARS. HE WILL BE
21 MISSED BY MANY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS GREG, BRIAN, STEVEN
22 AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAN
23 LOWE, VERY ACTIVE IN THE LONG BEACH COMMUNITY, VERY ACTIVE IN
24 INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION, TOYOTA GRAND PRIX AND
25 PADDOCK CLUB. HE LOVED TO TRAVEL WITH HIS FAMILY, PLAYED GOLF



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1 AND WAS AN AVID RACE FAN. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ADDIE;
2 SON, JASON; DAUGHTER, DEBORAH; GRANDCHILDREN, COUSIN JIM AND
3 MANY FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF STEVEN ROTTY,
4 A BOEING EMPLOYEE AND LONG BEACH RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
5 THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 56. HE WAS EMPLOYED BY MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS
6 AND BOEING SINCE 1979. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE -- SCHOOL
7 P.T.A., CUB SCOUT TROOP 206 AND MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL GRAD
8 NIGHT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 32 YEARS, JUDY, HIS
9 CHILDREN BRIAN AND LISA, SISTER ELLEN, BROTHER PAUL, NEPHEW
10 TOM, NIECES ANN AND MELANIE, AND EXTENDED FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE
11 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LEE WASHINGTON, THE FORMER VICE PRINCIPAL
12 OF LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 5TH AT
13 THE AGE OF 64. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ANNABELLE, AND FOUR
14 CHILDREN. FINALLY, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EUGENE HERBERT
15 WOLF, JR., RETIRED DEPUTY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT, LONG-TIME BELLFLOWER RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON
17 DECEMBER 6TH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARY, SONS MICHAEL
18 AND SCOTT, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND BROTHER, WERNER. THOSE ARE
19 MY ADJOURNMENTS. MADAME CHAIR, THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

20
21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DO YOU HAVE ANY
22 ITEMS YOU'RE CALLING UP?

23
24 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL 79-A.



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 79-A?

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** I BELIEVE SOMEONE FROM THE PUBLIC HELD THAT AS
4 WELL, BUT BEFORE I MAKE ANY COMMENTS ON THAT, I DO HAVE A
5 READ-IN FOR NEXT WEEK THAT I'D LIKE TO PRESENT. I MEAN, NOT
6 NEXT WEEK, BUT FOR JANUARY 8TH. THE CONCEPT OF COST AVOIDANCE
7 TO OUR COUNTY SAFETY NET HAS BEEN A PRIMARY RATIONALE FOR
8 INVESTMENT OF LOCAL DOLLARS INTO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES GEARED
9 TOWARDS ENDING HOMELESSNESS. THIS CONCEPT MAKES LOGICAL SENSE
10 AS THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS WE CAN REFER INTO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
11 AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS IS THE SAME NUMBER YOU CAN DIVERT FROM
12 CONTINUED VISITS TO HOSPITALS AND STAYS IN OUR COUNTY JAIL.
13 THIS IS A THEORY THAT CREATES SAVINGS WHERE WE COULD REINVEST
14 IN THE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE SHOWN SUCCESS. AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
15 JURISDICTIONS SUCH AS NEW YORK CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO HAVE
16 REPORTED COST AVOIDANCES TO THEIR PUBLIC HEALTH AND JAIL
17 SYSTEM THAT TRANSLATED INTO REINVESTABLE SAVINGS ALONG THESE
18 LINES. WE ARE FACING CHALLENGES TO OUR COUNTY BUDGET IN THE
19 NEAR FUTURE. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD PLAN NOW HOW TO MAXIMIZE THE
20 \$100 MILLION THE BOARD HAS INVESTED IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS
21 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THROUGH IDENTIFICATION AND POSSIBLE
22 REINVESTMENT OF COST SAVINGS TO OUR SAFETY NET, RATHER THAN
23 LOOK TO FUNDING THESE EFFORTS FIRST WITH NEW INFUSIONS OF
24 COUNTY DOLLARS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE C.E.O. WORK WITH IN
25 COORDINATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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1 SERVICES, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
2 DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP A CLEAR METHODOLOGY AND FORMULA FOR
3 DETERMINING PRECISELY HOW EXCESSIVE COSTS TO THE COUNTY FOR
4 PROVIDING HEALTHCARE AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE
5 HOMELESS, VIA OUR JAILS AND EMERGENCY ROOMS, COULD BE AVOIDED
6 BY IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY THE HOMELESS
7 PREVENTION INITIATIVE AND HOW SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY MIGHT BE
8 IDENTIFIED. AND I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE C.E.O. REPORT BACK
9 WITH THIS INFORMATION PRIOR TO OUR 2008-2009 BUDGET
10 DELIBERATIONS. AND THAT IS FOR THE JANUARY 8TH AGENDA.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN I HELD 79-A.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE MOVING 79-A?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I HELD IT. I THINK SOMEBODY FROM THE PUBLIC
19 HELD IT, AS WELL, TOO.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL CALL MR. SACHS UP.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** AND MY COMMENT ON 79-A, I MEAN, I REALIZE THAT IN
24 LIGHT OF THE ACTIONS IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, THIS WAS A --
25 WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN UP THERE. AND SO I



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1 JUST THINK WE NEED TO BE ON THE ALERT IN REGARDS TO THIS WHOLE
2 1-A ISSUE BECAUSE MANY OF THE PLANS THAT HAVE COME FORWARD
3 RECENTLY IN ALL THE DISCUSSIONS COMING OUT OF SACRAMENTO
4 BASICALLY ARE EFFORTS TO CIRCUMVENT THE VOTERS' WILL OF
5 PROPOSITION 1-A. SO WE NEED TO BE ON THE ALERT. I UNDERSTAND
6 WE'RE OKAY RIGHT NOW. BUT THE PURPOSE OF THIS MOTION IS JUST
7 TO STAY ON TOP OF IT AND WATCH OUT FOR ANY POTENTIAL
8 OPPORTUNITIES OR MISSTEPS UP THERE. BECAUSE WITH THE SHORTFALL
9 THAT THEY HAVE IN SACRAMENTO, WE KNOW WHERE THE EVIL EYE WILL
10 LOOK, AND THAT'S THE COUNTIES AND CITIES. SO WITH THAT I MOVE
11 APPROVAL, BUT I KNOW MR. SACHS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I KNOW THIS
16 IS WISHFUL THINKING, BUT ALONG, AS YOU'RE LOOKING AT THINGS
17 THEY SHOULD PROTECT, MAYBE AN AREA THAT THE STATE SENATE OR
18 STATE LEGISLATURE COULD LOOK TO FOR SOME CUTS WOULD BE THE
19 AMOUNT OF PERKS THAT THEY GIVE OUT TO THE LEGISLATORS AND THE
20 SENATORS IN THE STATE. IF THE BUDGET DEFICIT IS GOING TO
21 AFFECT ALL OF CALIFORNIA, IT WOULD BE NICE FOR THEM TO STEP
22 UP. THEY JUST GOT A PAY RAISE. LET THEM PAY FOR SOME OF THE
23 THINGS THAT THEY'RE GETTING FOR FREE NOW OUT OF THEIR PAY
24 RAISE. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STAY RIGHT THERE, MR. SACHS. MOVED BY
2 KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
3 DO YOU HAVE SOME OTHER ITEMS TO CALL UP?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, I HAVE SOME OTHER ITEMS. BUT FIRST OF ALL I'D
6 LIKE TO -- JUST HAD THIS PASSED TO ME, I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN
7 MEMORY OF THE FATHER OF GINGER PADURO FROM THE EXECUTIVE
8 OFFICE. GINGER IS A LONG TIME FRIEND AND HER HUSBAND FRANK
9 USED TO BE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS WELL TOO. SO WE
10 WILL GET YOU ALL THE INFORMATION. AS I UNDERSTAND, IT WILL BE
11 FURNISHED. BUT OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH GINGER AND FRANK RIGHT
12 NOW. SO THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM
13 NUMBER 1.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IF YOU CALL ALL OF HIS, HE COULD
16 JUST TESTIFY ON ALL OF THEM.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. I CALL UP ITEM 1, 13, 45, 52, AND 59.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, IT'S VERY UNFAIR. I MEAN I KNOW
21 I PUT IN A LOT OF CARDS. I HAVE A LOT OF THINGS I'D LIKE TO
22 PRESENT, BUT IT'S VERY UNFAIR FOR YOU TO CALL ALL THESE ITEMS
23 WITHOUT THEM BEING BROADCAST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL CALL EACH ONE SEPARATELY.

2 ITEM 1, 45, 13 AND 52. AND YOU CAN SPEAK ON EACH ONE.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM NUMBER 1 IS YOUR APPOINTMENT. AND AGAIN I'D

5 LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR APPOINTING

6 SOMEBODY TO THE DISABILITIES PROGRAM, MAYBE SOMEBODY, I

7 BROUGHT THIS UP, EVERY TIME YOU BRING UP AN APPLICATION OR AN

8 APPOINTEE TO THE DISABILITIES, I BROUGHT THIS UP. IT'S A SHAM

9 WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE ACCESS SERVICES. MAYBE SOMEBODY WOULD

10 INVESTIGATE HOW THE COMPANIES ARE CONTRACTED TO ALLOW, BASED

11 ON THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES USED FOR TRANSPORTATION, BUT NOT

12 HAVE A CORRESPONDING NUMBER OF DRIVERS AVAILABLE TO USE THOSE

13 VEHICLES. IT'S THE PUBLIC THAT'S GETTING STIFFED ON THIS. IT'S

14 THE PEOPLE THAT NEED THE TRANSPORTATION THAT'S GETTING STIFFED

15 ON IT. THEIR ONLY RECOURSE IS TO COMPLAIN TO ACCESS SERVICES,

16 WHICH IS THE PROGRAM RUN BY THE COMPANIES THAT GET THE

17 CONTRACT. SO IN ESSENCE, THEY POLICE THEMSELVES. IT WOULD BE

18 NICE IF SOMEBODY STEPPED UP AND SAID "WELL THIS GUY DOESN'T

19 KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT, LET'S PROVE HIM WRONG." BUT IF

20 HE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY AND HE'S BEEN BRINGING THIS IN FRONT

21 OF THE SUPERVISORS EVERY TIME YOU MADE AN APPOINTMENT FOR

22 SOMEBODY ON THE BOARD OF DISABILITIES, THEN MAYBE IT'S TIME

23 THAT SOMEBODY LOOK INTO IT AND SEE WHAT'S GOING ON. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY --
2 I'LL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THE NEXT ITEM
3 IS 13.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** JUST QUICKLY ON ITEM NUMBER 13. I'M JUST
6 CONSIDERING OR CONCERNED ABOUT THE BUDGET. YOU'RE TALKING
7 ABOUT 7,200 BED- NIGHTS, 10 BEDS FOR TWO YEARS? IT COMES TO
8 OVER -- IT'S ALMOST \$127 A NIGHT FOR EACH BED. IS THAT
9 EXCESSIVE? IS THAT WITHIN GUIDELINES? IS THAT SOMETHING? THIS
10 IS THE WEINGART CENTER. I UNDERSTAND IT'S FOR REHABILITATIVE
11 SERVICES, SO IS THE EXPENSE MORE WARRANTED? JUST LOOKING AT
12 THE NUMBERS. JUST DOING THE MATH.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 45.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 45. ANOTHER ONE OF MY FAVORITES. WASTE
18 MANAGEMENT. SAME PEOPLE MAKING THESE PROGRAMS UP ARE THE ONES
19 THAT DID, AGAIN, SUNSHINE COUNTY LANDFILL. I BROUGHT THIS UP
20 ALSO IN FRONT OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IF THESE
21 PEOPLE WHO DID THE MATH FOR THAT CONTRACT WHERE YOU TOOK THE
22 12,000 TONS -- OR EXCUSE ME, THE 6,000 TONS AND DOUBLED IT TO
23 12,100 TONS DAILY. AND THIS 36,000 TONS WEEKLY TO 66,000 TONS.
24 ELIMINATING 6,600 TONS OF TRASH EVERY DAY COMES TO FIVE FREE
25 YEARS OF TRASH DISPOSAL. FIGURE IT OUT. YOU HAVE A 30-YEAR



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1 CONTRACT. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO DID THIS CONTRACT WORKED ON
2 THE SUNSHINE COUNTY LANDFILL CONTRACT OR ANYTHING INVOLVED IN
3 IT. SAY A PRAYER FOR US. THE PUBLIC IS GETTING SCREWED AGAIN.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
6 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THE NEXT ITEM IS
7 52.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOD FORGIVE ME FOR SAYING THIS, THANK YOU. THIS
10 IS REGARDING AIRPORT RUNWAY FUNDING. IS THERE ANY WAY POSSIBLE
11 THAT YOU CAN USE YOUR COUNTY EXPERTISE, YOU'VE MANAGED TO GET
12 FUNDING FOR THESE DIFFERENT AIRPORTS WITHIN THE COUNTY. LAX IS
13 ANOTHER DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN. THEY'RE LOOKING TO DO SOME
14 THINGS WITH THEIR RUNWAYS. CAN ANYBODY FROM THE COUNTY USE
15 THEIR EXPERTISE IN HOWEVER THEY GAIN FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL
16 PROGRAMS OR THE STATE PROGRAM TO KIND OF GUIDE LAX A LITTLE
17 BIT? THEY CERTAINLY COULD USE SOME HELP. THEY'RE ONLY FOUR
18 YEARS BEHIND IN THEIR PROGRAM.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA, WITHOUT
21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** 59.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 59?



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 59 IS FUNDING FOR TRAFFIC SYNCHRONIZATION. I
3 RECALL THERE WAS AN ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA SEVERAL MONTHS AGO
4 REGARDING SOME TRAFFIC SYNCHRONIZATION FOR SIGNALS. AND ONE OF
5 THE PROBLEMS IS THAT THE MAJOR HIGHWAY, WHICH IS PACIFIC COAST
6 HIGHWAY, IS RUN OR IS OPERATED OR IS A STATE HIGHWAY. HERE
7 YOU'RE GETTING FUNDING FOR DOING TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN THE
8 UNINCORPORATED AREA. IS THE STATE INVOLVED IN THIS IN ANY WAY?
9 OR IS THIS JUST MONEY THAT'S GOING TO BE FLOATING AROUND AND
10 THEN FINALLY COME TO FIND OUT THAT THE STATE HAS LEGAL
11 OWNERSHIP OVER THE ROADS AND THEY DIDN'T AUTHORIZE THE TRAFFIC
12 SIGNALS TO GO ON? HAS THIS BEEN WORKED OUT SO THAT, AGAIN, THE
13 PUBLIC DOESN'T BEAR THE BRUNT OF THIS ABUSE? THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** IT IS A JOINT PROJECT. AND PUBLIC WORKS IS THE
16 LEAD ON THIS AND THEY'VE DONE A GREAT JOB. AND THIS IS THE
17 TIE-IN WORKING WITH THE OTHER CITIES ALONG THE WAY. SO IT'S A
18 GOOD PROGRAM.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I APPRECIATE THE FACT. JUST LIKE I SAID, I KNOW
21 THAT THERE WAS A SYNCHRONIZATION THAT INVOLVED STATE FUNDING,
22 STATE HIGHWAYS. AS LONG AS EVERYBODY'S ON THE SAME PAGE,
23 THAT'S GOOD.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE IT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
3 SO ORDERED. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS?

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5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I DON'T.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE
10 ADJOURNMENTS?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE TO MOVE
13 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY BRKICH, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
14 DECEMBER 9TH AT THE AGE OF 95. SHE'S THE MOTHER OF FOUR AND A
15 GRANDMOTHER OF 12. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY AT
16 ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH. MY CLASSMATE AND FRATERNITY
17 BROTHER, ROBERT WILLIAM FERRAND, WHO PASSED AWAY FROM CANCER
18 AT THE AGE OF 60. SURVIVED BY HIS SON, TY, AND DAUGHTER, LANA,
19 AND MOTHER, NANCY. MIA BAKER, LONG-TIME ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. WE WORKED
21 CLOSELY WITH HER. SHE HAD JOINED THE OFFICE IN 1985 AS THE
22 DIRECTOR OF THE WITNESS ASSISTANCE, VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE
23 PROGRAM AND RECENTLY SERVED AS THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE
24 DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, WHERE SHE HAD
25 SECURED A \$2 MILLION GRANT TO BEGIN THE OFFICE'S DIGITAL



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1 ACHIEVING PROJECT. A GRADUATE OF STANFORD AND MASTERS' IN
2 EDUCATION IN 1965. SERVED ON THE BOARD AND HELD EXECUTIVE
3 POSITIONS IN NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING OUR STATE BAR,
4 L.A. COMMISSION ON ASSAULTS AGAINST WOMEN AND THE LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION. PETER BEAM WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST
6 WEEK WHO IS ACTIVE IN THE PASADENA COMMUNITY. REMEMBERED FOR
7 HAVING TOUCHED THE LIVES OF MANY WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE
8 PASADENA JAYCEES OPERATION SANTA CLAUS. HE WAS MADE AN
9 HONORARY LIFE MEMBER OF THE JAYCEES IN 2004 FOR HIS DEDICATION
10 TO BRING CHEER AND GOOD WILL TO OTHERS AT CHRISTMAS TIME. SO
11 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST MAKE A COMMENT. TODAY WE RECEIVED A MEMO
16 FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL. AND I THINK THIS IS REALLY TELLING
17 THE STATE OF AFFAIRS THAT THIS NATION IS IN. THIS IS THE FIRST
18 PARAGRAPH I'M GOING TO READ. "THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE
19 MANDATORY SPAY/NEUTER ORDINANCE WHICH YOU ENACTED LAST YEAR,
20 AND THAT WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE BY THIS BOARD, WITHSTOOD MAJOR
21 CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES IN FEDERAL COURT." THAT'S AN ISSUE,
22 ANIMAL CONTROL, THAT LOCAL CITIES AND COUNTIES ARE RESPONSIBLE
23 FOR. AND FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE A LAWSUIT AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL
24 MAKING IT A FEDERAL OFFENSE, WHICH IT WAS NOT A FEDERAL
25 OFFENSE, ALL IT DOES IS COST TAXPAYERS MORE MONEY TO DEFEND



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1 SUCH A FRIVOLOUS LAWSUIT, CLOG UP THE COURTS FROM MORE
2 IMPORTANT BUSINESS THAT THEY OUGHT TO BE ATTENDING TO. BUT FOR
3 THIS TO GO TO THE FEDERAL COURT, I MEAN WHAT A WASTE. A WASTE
4 OF TIME AND ENERGY BY THOSE GROUPS WHO CLOG UP THE SYSTEM
5 INSTEAD OF WORKING TO MAKE THE SYSTEM BETTER. BUT THAT'S A
6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ISSUE NOT A FEDERAL ISSUE. SO WE COMMEND THE
7 COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE FOR THAT DECISION. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WERE HOLDING SOME ITEMS?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH. OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 6. I HAD HELD THAT
12 ITEM. THIS IS A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA RELATIVE TO AN
13 ISSUE WITH A POWER PLANT THAT WAS BEING CONSTRUCTED IN THE
14 CITY OF VERNON TO PROVIDE POWER TO THE COUNTY AND SURROUNDING
15 COMMUNITIES. THIS WAS AN ISSUE THAT HAD MANY HOURS OF DEBATE
16 AT THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND I BELIEVE THE VOTE
17 WAS UNANIMOUS. BUT IF YOU CAN CHECK THE RECORD ON THAT. THIS
18 IS A VERY -- BECAUSE OF THE CONCERNS, STRINGENT REGULATIONS
19 WERE PUT IN PLACE BY THE A.Q.M.D. WITHOUT THIS PLANT, NO NEW
20 PROGRAMS TO REDUCE EMISSIONS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE
21 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, SINCE THERE WOULD BE NO OFFSET
22 MITIGATION MEASURES TAKEN. AND THE A.Q.M.D. HAD TAKEN GREAT
23 PAINS TO PROTECT CITIZENS THROUGH STRINGENT REGULATIONS AIMED
24 AT NEW POWER GENERATING SOURCES TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE THE
25 SAFEST AND CLEANEST TECHNOLOGY. THERE ARE SAFEGUARDS ALREADY



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1 IN PLACE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES OF
2 THE VERNON PROJECT. THIS PROJECT WOULD BURN CLEANER THAN THE
3 VAST MAJORITY OF EXISTING POWER GENERATING FACILITIES THAT WE
4 HAVE TODAY. IT WOULD HELP THE REGION. THAT MEANS EVERY PERSON,
5 EVERY HOSPITAL, EVERY HOME IN PREVENTING THE ROLLING BROWNOUTS
6 AND BLACKOUTS THAT HAVE PLAGUED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OVER THE
7 LAST DECADE. THE PROJECT WOULD CREATE ONE OF THE CLEANEST,
8 MOST EFFICIENT NATURAL GAS GENERATING FACILITIES IN THE
9 COUNTRY. THE PROPOSED PLANT IS STATE OF THE ART, CREATING UP
10 TO 85% LESS EMISSIONS THAN EXISTING OLDER POWER PLANTS IN
11 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND OPERATING MORE RELIABLY. IT WOULD
12 ALSO PROVIDE LOW-COST, LOCALLY-GENERATED POWER. THE RULES THAT
13 THE A.Q.M.D. ADDRESSED AND THE CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY WERE
14 INCORPORATED UNDER THE NEW GUIDELINES TO ENSURE THAT NEW POWER
15 PLANTS WOULD HAVE TO COMPLY WITH VERY STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS
16 REGARDING EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR NITROGEN OXIDES AND FINE
17 PARTICULATE MATTER EMISSIONS, REGARDING STRINGENT STANDARDS
18 FOR TOXIC EMISSIONS AND GREATER EFFICIENCIES TO REDUCE AIR
19 POLLUTION AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. MUCH MORE STRINGENT
20 STANDARDS FOR PROJECTS PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED IN HEAVY,
21 POLLUTED OR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREAS AND CONSIDERATION OF
22 THE USE OF THE RENEWABLE ALTERNATIVE CLEAN SOURCES OF ENERGY
23 WHICH WOULD BE DONE AT THE PROJECT SITE. IN ADDITION, THE
24 MITIGATION FEES PAID FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE EMISSION CREDITS
25 ARE TO BE SPENT FOR EMISSION REDUCTION IN THE AREA IN THE



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1 COMMUNITY SURROUNDING THE POWER PLANT WITH AT LEAST 1/3 USED
2 FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, SUCH AS SOLAR. WITHOUT THE PROJECT, THE
3 RESIDENTS WILL FACE ROLLING BLACKOUTS, INCREASED HIGHER ENERGY
4 COSTS AND HIGHER, HIGHER LEVELS OF POLLUTION. THE VERNON POWER
5 PLANT CONSISTS OF THREE NATURAL GAS COMBINED CYCLE GAS
6 TURBINES AND A STEEL TURBINE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING OF A TOTAL
7 OF 943 MEGAWATTS OF ELECTRICITY, WITH A NET GENERATION
8 CAPACITY OF 914 MEGAWATTS. EACH MEGAWATT IS TO SUPPLY
9 ELECTRICITY TO ABOUT 700 HOUSEHOLDS ON THE AVERAGE. IT WILL BE
10 HIGHLY LUCRATIVE IN CREATING GREATER ENERGY, LOWER COST
11 ENERGY, PREVENTING THE BLACKOUTS, AND IT'S GOING TO BRING IN
12 OVER \$660,000 IN NEW SALES TAX REVENUES AS WELL, AND WOULD
13 CREATE A NUMBER OF PERMANENT JOBS IN THE COUNTY. SO THAT'S
14 WHY, MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL THAT
15 ANOTHER PARTY ENTER INTO ANOTHER LAWSUIT WHEN THIS HAS ALREADY
16 GONE THROUGH THE TOUGH AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S
17 REVIEW AND APPROVAL WITH TOUGH CONTROLS IN PLACE WHICH WILL
18 CLEAN UP THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES OF VERNON AND PROVIDE
19 RESOURCE AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROGRAMS THAT IS GOING TO
20 REDUCE EMISSIONS AND REDUCE THE POLLUTIONS THAT THEY CURRENTLY
21 ARE HAVING IN THAT AREA.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAME CHAIR?

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** IN CONTRAST TO THE SUPERVISOR'S OPPOSITION, LET
3 ME TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHY THIS IS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPORTANT. WE
4 ALL KNOW ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF VERNON. THE CITY OF
5 VERNON HAS NEVER BEEN A GOOD NEIGHBOR TO ITS SURROUNDING
6 COMMUNITIES, UNFORTUNATELY. WE'VE TRIED TO ENGAGE THEM ON
7 VARIOUS LEVELS, AND THEY ARE OF COURSE NOT INTERESTED IN ALL.
8 IN ANYTHING LIKE THIS, I THINK THAT YOU HAVE TO UNDERTAKE THE
9 RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. THE
10 PROPOSED VERNON POWER PLANT IS GOING TO BE THE MOST MASSIVE
11 FACILITY THAT ANYBODY HAS SEEN IN L.A. COUNTY, OVER 943
12 MEGAWATTS. IT'S GOING TO EMIT 880 TONS OF NEW EMISSIONS INTO
13 THE AIR. COMPARED TO OTHER FACILITIES IN THE REGION, IT'S
14 GOING TO BE ONE OF THE TOP POLLUTERS. IT WILL TIE AS THE
15 SEVENTH LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR OF PM-10 EMISSIONS, AND 16TH
16 BIGGEST OF CARBON MONOXIDE AND THE 21ST LARGEST PRODUCER OF
17 NITROGEN OXIDE EMISSIONS. L.A. COUNTY, AS WE ALREADY KNOW,
18 UNFORTUNATELY, IS THE WORST AIR IN THIS COUNTRY. AND THE
19 COMMUNITIES AROUND THE PROPOSED FACILITY HAVE SOME OF THE
20 WORST AIR IN ALL OF LOS ANGELES. WHEN YOU TALK TO PARENTS IN
21 THE CITY OF COMMERCE, IN THE SOUTHEAST CITIES OF HUNTINGTON
22 PARK, OF MAYWOOD AND YOU LOOK AT THE ASTHMA RATES THAT WE HAVE
23 THROUGHOUT THOSE COMMUNITIES, IT IS VERY, VERY TOUGH TO SIT
24 THERE AND SAY "THIS HAS ALREADY GONE THROUGH A PROCESS." THERE
25 IS ONLY ONE PROCESS, AND THAT IS, OF COURSE, THE CALIFORNIA



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1 ENERGY COMMISSION THAT IS GOING TO BE REVIEWING ALL ASPECTS OF
2 THIS POWER PLANT. SO IF IT'S GOING TO BE CLEAN, LET THEM PROVE
3 IT. IF IT'S GOING TO BE BENEFICIAL, LET THEM PROVE IT. IF IT'S
4 GOING TO HAVE ALL OF THE SO-CALLED PRIORITY RESERVE AIR
5 CREDITS THAT THE A.Q.M.D. HAS REQUESTED AS AN OFFSET, LET THEM
6 PROVE IT. WHAT'S SIGNIFICANT FOR US, AS A BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS, WHETHER WE REPRESENT ONE DISTRICT OR WHETHER WE
8 REPRESENT ANOTHER PART OF THE DISTRICT, WE ALL HAVE A DUTY TO
9 CLEANING UP THE AIR IN THE ENTIRE BASIN. THIS IS GOING TO BE A
10 MAJOR POLLUTER. WHAT THIS ACTION DOES ONLY DOES ONE THING: IT
11 ALLOWS US TO INTERVENE. TO RAISE CONCERNS AND THE VOICES AND,
12 AS I SAID, TO PROVE THEIR INFORMATION. SO THIS PROCEEDING OF
13 INTERVENTION IS ONLY GOING TO ALLOW US TO PRESENT INFORMATION
14 AT THOSE PROCEEDINGS, TO PRESENT WITNESSES FROM TIME TO TIME,
15 TO CROSS-EXAMINE THE WITNESSES, AND OF COURSE TO REQUEST DATA,
16 INFORMATION AND ANY OTHER KIND OF NOTICES THAT WE WILL NEED IN
17 ORDER TO KEEP INFORMED ON THIS ITEM. AGAIN, AT THE END OF THE
18 DAY, WE APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT THE A.Q.M.D. HAS DONE SO FAR
19 WITH REGARD TO IT, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT IS ONLY THE
20 CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION THAT CAN MAKE THIS DETERMINATION.
21 WE NEED TO BE AT THAT TABLE. AND OF COURSE, IF AT THE END OF
22 THE DAY IT IS APPROVED BY THEM, THE ONLY RECOURSE IS THE
23 CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT. SO THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO
24 TAKE OUR INTERESTS AND REPRESENT THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS
25 ANGELES AND TO BE AN ACTIVE PART BECAUSE IT BY FAR IS GOING TO



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1 BE A MASSIVE FACILITY. AND AS IT CONTINUES -- AND THERE'S NO
2 DOUBT THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR ENERGY, PARTICULARLY LESS
3 COSTLY ENERGY -- BUT THEY ALSO HAVE A DUTY THAT IF WE ARE
4 GOING TO HAVE THIS KIND OF AN INTRUSIVE POWER PLANT AS OUR
5 NEIGHBOR, LET THEM BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND LET THEM PROVE IT.
6 SO THAT IS WHY I BROUGHT IN THE MOTION. IT IS SOMETHING NOT
7 JUST FROM MY DISTRICT BUT I THINK IT'S FOR EVERYONE. AND THIS
8 ALLOWS US TO BE A PART OF IT. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS
9 ALREADY APPROVED THEIR INTERVENTION. WE HAVE THE MOTHERS OF
10 EAST LOS ANGELES WILL BE INTERVENERS, AS WELL. AND I LOOK
11 FORWARD TO THE COUNTY TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE, AS WELL, IN
12 TRYING TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS, NOT ONLY OF PEOPLE WITHIN
13 THEIR OWN DISTRICT, BUT MAKE SURE WE ARE PART OF A STRATEGY TO
14 CLEAN UP THE AIR THAT'S THE WORST IN THE COUNTRY.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANYONE ELSE? DO YOU WANT TO CALL THE ROLL?
19 YOU'RE MOVING IT?

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL SECOND.

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 6, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?



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2 SUP. MOLINA: AYE.

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4 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AYE.

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6 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

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8 SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO.

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10 SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: AYE.

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12 SUP. ANTONOVICH: DID WE DO 52?

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14 SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: YES, WE DID.

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16 SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND WE DID 59?

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18 SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: YES, WE DID.

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20 SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND WE DID 26?

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22 CLERK SACHI HAMAI: NO.

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24 SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: ITEM 26?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND 7?

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SOME PEOPLE HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK. DR.

4 CLAVREUL? ANYONE ELSE? IS SHE SPEAKING ON ANOTHER ITEM?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 39? OKAY, AFTER GENEVIEVE.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO TAKE 26 THIS FIRST AND THEN

9 I THINK THAT, DR. CLAVREUL, WILL YOU SPEAK ON 25 WHEN YOU

10 CONCLUDE THAT ONE?

11

12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OKAY.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ITEM ARE WE ON?

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 26.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** 26.

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20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, ON 26. GOOD MORNING. DR.

21 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD REPEATEDLY

22 THAT THERE WILL NO LONGER BE ANY RETROACTIVE PAYMENT, AND AS

23 USUAL, YOU DON'T KEEP YOUR PROMISE. WE HAVE AGAIN RETROACTIVE

24 PAYMENT GOING ON. AND THAT'S VERY SADDENING. BUT NOT A

25 SURPRISE. SO I WILL OBJECT FOR THE RECORD. ON 25 --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LET'S HAVE A MOTION ON THAT. SUPERVISOR
3 ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. WITHOUT
4 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OH, I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU
5 WERE HOLDING 26?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEAH. WELL, YOU KNOW, IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE
8 SUBJECTS. AND WHY NOT HANDLE IT AS ONE OF THE ISSUES AT THE
9 END OF THE YEAR? RETROACTIVE CONTRACTS. BIGGEST OXYMORON THERE
10 IS. WELL, THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM. AND THIS DEPARTMENT SHOULD
11 KNOW BETTER AS WE KEEP SAYING. YOU KNOW, THERE'S -- IT'S SUCH
12 A SIMPLE WAY TO NOT HAVE THESE KINDS OF PROBLEMS. BUT ONE OF
13 THE THINGS THAT'S COME OUT OF IT THAT'S BEEN VERY POSITIVE AND
14 I WANT TO MAKE A POSITIVE COMMENT ABOUT IT IS THAT THE
15 RETROACTIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE. THEY LOOKED
16 AT IT CLOSELY. THEY REVIEWED IT. THEY HAVE COME UP WITH SOME
17 VERY SOLID CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. I HOPE THE DEPARTMENT AND
18 EVERYONE INVOLVED WILL TAKE TO HEART THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. I
19 APPRECIATE THE COMMITTEE'S SERIOUS WORK ON THIS AREA. THIS IS
20 A COUNTY THAT PRODUCES CONTRACTS BY THE HUNDREDS EVERY SINGLE
21 DAY. A RESPONSIBILITY IS TO MONITOR THOSE CONTRACTS. AND
22 CERTAINLY GOING BACK AND MAKING THEM RETROACTIVE DOESN'T
23 INSPIRE CONFIDENCE TO THE TAXPAYERS OF L.A. COUNTY THAT WE ARE
24 NOT MINDING WHAT IS GOING ON EVERY SINGLE DAY. SO I APPRECIATE
25 THE WORK THAT WAS DONE. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO ONE DAY BEING



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1 ABLE TO SEE THAT WE ARE RETROACTIVE-FREE IN L.A. COUNTY.

2 [LAUGHTER.]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO YOU'RE SECONDING. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
5 ORDERED. ITEM 25?

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, ON ITEM 25. I JUST WONDER IF WE
8 ARE PAYING FOR SERVICES, AND IF THE AGREEMENT WITH SPECIAL
9 RESPIRATORY CARE INCLUDE THE VENTILATOR WE HAVE PURCHASED WERE
10 UNDER F.D.A. RECALL. I JUST WOULD LIKE FOR SOMEBODY TO LOOK AT
11 THAT CONTRACT TO SEE IF WE ARE PAYING FOR MAINTENANCE OF
12 VENTILATORS WE BOUGHT WHEN THEY WERE ALREADY ON THE F.D.A.
13 RECALL LIST FOR WAY BACK FOR KING-DREW. SO THANK YOU VERY
14 MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
17 YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE DID 39?

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. 39. IS DR. SOUTHARD HERE?

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND KRYSTAL WILLIAMS, WOULD YOU COME
2 FORWARD?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ITEM? 39?

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 39.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOCTOR, WHO ARE THE STAKEHOLDERS? OR WHAT IS
9 THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS FOR THE FUNDS FOR THESE STUDENT
10 STIPENDS?

11

12 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, THIS STIPEND PROGRAM IS
13 REALLY A WORK AROUND FOR A PROBLEM THAT THE STATE HAS HAD. SO
14 THESE ARE -- THE STATE HAS HAD THE MONEY TO DO THIS, BUT THEY
15 HAVE IT IN AN AREA IN WHICH THEY CAN ONLY PAY COUNTIES. THEY
16 CANNOT PAY THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. AND SO THE PLAN HAS
17 BEEN FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO USE UNEXPENDED M.H.S.A.
18 FUNDS FROM '05-'06 TO FUND THIS AND THAT WE WOULD BE REPAID
19 USING FUNDS THAT THEN WE COULD USE MORE FLEXIBLY IN THE
20 FUTURE. SO IT WAS TO HAVE BEEN A PLAN THAT WOULD BOTH BENEFIT
21 THE STUDENTS RECEIVING STIPENDS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THE
22 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION I RAISE IS HOW CAN WE ACCESS
2 THESE FUNDS TO HELP OUR FOSTER YOUTH AND OUR TRANSITIONAL
3 YOUTH TO FIT INTO THIS PROGRAM?

4

5 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** WELL, TWO ISSUES, SUPERVISOR. THE FUNDS
6 THAT ARE BEING USED ARE ONE-TIME FUNDS. AND SO MOST OF THE
7 THINGS WE WISH TO DO FOR FOSTER YOUTH ARE ONGOING, NOT ONE-
8 TIME IN NATURE. THE SECOND THING IS THAT --

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST ON THAT POINT, OUR FOSTER YOUTH
11 ARE NOT A STATIC NUMBER OF PEOPLE, BECAUSE THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE,
12 AS THEY ARE BEING EMANCIPATED AND GOING THROUGH TRANSITION ARE
13 GETTING OLDER AND ARE GOING TO BE AVAILABLE IN OTHER TYPES OF
14 PROGRAMS. BUT HOW COULD WE ACCESS SOME OF THESE DOLLARS FOR
15 THOSE FOSTER KIDS? EVEN ONE-TIME USE IS GOING TO GIVE THEM
16 GREATER SERVICE THAN THEY CURRENTLY RECEIVE FROM SOME OF THE
17 PROGRAMS.

18

19 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, THE MONEY THAT WE EXPEND FROM
20 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT HAS TO BE USED IN THINGS IN OUR
21 STATE-APPROVED PLAN. SO ANYTHING THAT'S IN THE STATE-APPROVED
22 PLAN WE CAN EXPAND. AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS,
23 SUPERVISOR, THAT'S IN THE STATE-APPROVED PLAN. SO WE CAN, IF
24 THE BOARD CHOOSES, TO USE THE MONEY IN THIS WAY. WE ARE
25 EXPECTING TO USE MONEY FROM OUR EXPANSION OF THE COMMUNITY



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1 SERVICES AND SUPPORT SECTION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT
2 IN '08-'09 TO EXPAND SERVICES TO FOSTER YOUTH. AND THAT'S ONE
3 OF THE PLANS THAT WE BELIEVE THE STAKEHOLDERS WILL APPROVE AND
4 THE BOARD WOULD APPROVE FOR EXPANSION OF THOSE SERVICES. THE
5 ONLY THING I NEED TO MAKE CLEAR IS THE SERVICES FOR FOSTER
6 YOUTH THAT WILL BE APPROVED NEED TO BE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.
7 THEY CAN'T BE D.C.F.S. COSTS, BECAUSE M.H.S.A. MONEY HAS TO BE
8 USED FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND MAY NOT BE USED FOR
9 D.C.F.S. COSTS.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE. BECAUSE ONCE AGAIN THE TRAGIC
12 SHOOTING IN OMAHA, HERE WAS A CHILD THAT WAS FROM GROUP HOME
13 TO GROUP HOME, HOME TO HOME. AND AGAIN, IF WE DON'T REACH
14 THESE CHILDREN WITH THE NECESSARY SERVICES AND GETTING THEM
15 INTO A NORMAL, LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH STABILITY IN A HOME
16 AND HAVING A SUPPORT SYSTEM IN PLACE, THOSE CHILDREN END UP
17 VICTIMS OR CREATING VICTIMS OF CRIMES. PERHAPS YOU COULD SHARE
18 WITH US SOME SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE COULD USE SOME OF THESE
19 FUNDS FOR THAT TYPE OF CHILD.

20

21 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, WE CAN DO WRAP-AROUND
22 SERVICES FOR MENTAL SERVICES FOR FOSTER YOUTH WHO NEED THAT.
23 AND THOSE KINDS OF SERVICES OUGHT TO BE PROVIDED AND WILL BE
24 PROVIDED AND MAY BE PROVIDED WITH ONGOING FUNDS. AND WE EXPECT



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1 TO EXPAND THAT TO MEET OUR K.D.A. REQUIREMENTS. AND I DON'T
2 THINK THERE'S A DIFFICULTY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE A CHILD TODAY THAT'S 17, YOU GET SOME
5 OF THESE PROGRAMS IN PLACE, THEY'RE GOING TO BE 19 AND THEY'RE
6 OUT OF THE SYSTEM.

7

8 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** YES, BUT THEY ARE STILL ELIGIBLE FOR
9 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES UNDER E.P.S.D.T. UNTIL THEY TURN 21.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. BUT AGAIN, YOU AND I BOTH KNOW THERE'S
12 NOT A SURPLUS OF FUNDS THAT GIVE THESE YOUNG CHILDREN THE
13 FOUNDATION NECESSARY TO STAND ON THEIR TWO FEET AND BE
14 PRODUCTIVE. SO EVERY ADDITIONAL DOLLAR WE CAN GET IN VARIOUS
15 PROGRAMS IS GOING TO ASSIST THE LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT
16 WE HAVE. THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

17

18 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** YES. AND IF THE BOARD WISHED TO USE THE
19 MONEY THAT WE GET REPAID BY THE STATE FOR THIS, FOR THAT
20 PURPOSE, AS LONG AS IT'S A MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE, WE CAN DO
21 THAT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, RIGHT. THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HELD THIS. ACTUALLY I WANTED TO CONTINUE
5 THIS. BUT MAYBE THERE'S BEEN A DEVELOPMENT ON THIS THAT WE CAN
6 SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. BUT I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT WHAT THE
7 PROBLEM WAS. WE ARE BEING ASKED, FOR I'M SURE LEGITIMATE
8 REASONS, THAT DR. SOUTHARD DESCRIBED A MINUTE AGO. WE ARE
9 BEING ASKED TO FRONT OUR PROPOSITION 63 FUNDS THAT CAME TO
10 THIS COUNTY TO FUND STIPENDS FOR INTERNS ALL OVER THE STATE OF
11 CALIFORNIA. AND THE WAY IT CAME TO ME WHEN I SAW THE BOARD
12 LETTER, IT'S ON THE PROMISE THAT THE STATE'S GOING TO
13 REIMBURSE US FOR THE \$5.8 MILLION THAT THEY'RE ASKING US TO
14 FRONT. I HAVE NO PROBLEM DOING THAT IF I HAVE A GUARANTEE -- I
15 MEAN THE COUNTY SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM DOING THAT IF THE
16 COUNTY HAS A GUARANTEE THAT IT'S GOING TO BE REIMBURSED. BUT
17 THE GOVERNOR'S GOING TO DECLARE A STATE OF FISCAL EMERGENCY IN
18 THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY. AT THE MOMENT, THEY CLAIM TO HAVE A
19 \$14 BILLION DEFICIT. IT WILL PROBABLY GROW BEYOND THAT SOME
20 TIME IN JANUARY. AND MY BET IS THAT WHATEVER FUNDS THEY WERE
21 GOING TO USE OUT OF PROP 63 STATE MONIES TO REIMBURSE US FOR
22 THE ADVANCE MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY AS SOME PEOPLE
23 THINK THEY ARE NOW. SO DR. SOUTHARD ADVISED ME THAT HE HAS
24 SPOKEN TO -- SO YESTERDAY, I ASKED DR. SOUTHARD TO GET SOME
25 COMMITMENT, BINDING COMMITMENT FROM THE STATE IF IT WAS



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1 POSSIBLE, THAT THEY WERE GOING TO REIMBURSE. HE GOT A LETTER.
2 I MISPLACED IT. BUT HE GOT A LETTER FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT
3 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

4

5 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ASKED HIS
8 ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TO SEND YOU THE LETTER. HE WOULDN'T
9 EVEN PUT HIS OWN SIGNATURE TO IT SAYING "EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO
10 FUND IT." AND I WASN'T SATISFIED. NOW, YOU'VE HAD A SUBSEQUENT
11 CONVERSATION WITH PEOPLE UP IN SACRAMENTO, I TAKE IT. AND THAT
12 THEY SAY THAT THEY WILL HAVE THE MONEY TO YOU BEFORE JANUARY
13 8TH, WHICH IS THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD, IS THAT CORRECT?

14

15 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** YES, SUPERVISOR. AFTER WE SPOKE, I CALLED
16 THE STATE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH TO FIND OUT WHAT LEVEL OF
17 ASSURANCE WE COULD GET TO SATISFY YOUR NEED. BECAUSE I DIDN'T
18 WANT THE PROBLEM TO REOCCUR ON THE EIGHTH. AND HE TOLD ME THAT
19 HE THOUGHT THE CLEANEST SOLUTION WOULD BE TO SEND US THE CHECK
20 BEFORE THE EIGHTH SO THAT WE HAD THE MONEY AVAILABLE. SO THAT
21 WAS HIS COMMITMENT TO START THE PROCESS TO HAVE US RECEIVE THE
22 MONEY.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SO WHAT I WILL PROPOSE IS A
25 MODIFICATION TO MY ORIGINAL PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE IT. IS THAT



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1 WE STILL CONTINUE IT TO JANUARY 8TH UNLESS YOU RECEIVE THE
2 MONEY BEFOREHAND. THAT YOU BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THIS
3 CONTRACT UPON RECEIPT OF THE \$5.8 MILLION THAT IS ENUMERATED,
4 THAT IS ITEMIZED IN THE BOARD LETTER. AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE
5 THAT MONEY BY JANUARY 8TH, THEN THIS MONEY WILL BE CALENDARED
6 FOR JANUARY 8TH. OKAY, SO I DON'T KNOW HOW PROCEDURALLY THAT
7 WOULD WORK. IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU GET THE MONEY TOMORROW,
8 WE'RE DONE AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE
9 WE HAVE THE MONEY. BUT IF WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY BY JANUARY
10 8TH, THEN I THINK WE HAVE TO REVISIT THIS ISSUE. IF THEY ARE
11 COMMITTING TO YOU THAT THEY'LL GET IT TO YOU, THEN THAT'S A
12 QUANTIFIABLE WAY OF DETERMINING WHETHER THEY'RE GOING TO MEET
13 THEIR COMMITMENT. DOES THAT WORK FOR YOU?

14

15 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** IT WORKS VERY WELL, SUPERVISOR.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, SO I WOULD MOVE THAT AS AN
18 AMENDMENT TO THIS ITEM THAT THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH BE
19 AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT UPON RECEIPT OF THE \$5.8
20 MILLION ITEMIZED IN THE BOARD LETTER. PERIOD.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ONE PERSON WHO HAS ASKED TO SPEAK.

23

24 **KRYSTAL WILLIAMS:** YES. I AM ACTUALLY ONE OF THE STUDENTS WHO
25 WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE RECEIVED THIS STIPEND. AND WE WERE



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1 PROMISED \$18,500 IN JULY AND HAVE YET TO RECEIVE ANY FUNDS. SO
2 AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF MY FELLOW STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY
3 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE REST OF THE 196 STUDENTS
4 THROUGHOUT THIS STATE, I WANTED TO STRESS TO YOU OUR DESPERATE
5 NEED AND THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THESE FUNDS. AND I DO
6 APPRECIATE DR. SOUTHARD BEING HERE AND THE COMMUNICATION THUS
7 FAR, BECAUSE IT IS CRITICAL. IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL.
8 STUDENTS ARE PUTTING TUITION ON THEIR CREDIT CARDS. WE ARE
9 GOING BROKE. WE ARE POOR AT THIS MOMENT BECAUSE WE WERE
10 PROMISED \$18,000 AND HAVE YET TO RECEIVE IT. SO WE WANTED TO
11 STRESS TO YOU ALL THAT THIS PROCESS HAPPEN IN A VERY QUICK
12 MANNER. MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS A MERRY ONE SO THAT WE CAN GET THE
13 MONEY TO PAY OUR TUITION. YOU KNOW, WE ARE FUTURE MENTAL
14 HEALTH CLINICIANS THAT ARE WANTING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE
15 SYSTEM, BUT ARE BEING CRIPPLED BECAUSE OF BUREAUCRATIC
16 NIGHTMARES AND HAVEN'T GOTTEN THE MONEY THAT WE WERE PROMISED
17 TO GET IN JULY. SO AS SOON AS THE MONEY COMES IN, WHATEVER
18 NEEDS TO BE SIGNED AND DONE, IF YOU CAN DO IT, PLEASE, WE'D BE
19 SO GRATEFUL.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S THE PLAN.

22

23 **KRYSTAL WILLIAMS:** ALL RIGHT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND UNFORTUNATELY YOU'RE RIGHT IN BEING
2 UPSET ABOUT BEING CAUGHT UP IN THE BUREAUCRACY. IT'S NOT YOUR
3 FAULT. BUT HOPEFULLY THAT WILL GET RESOLVED SOONER RATHER THAN
4 LATER. EVEN THOUGH YOU DO GO TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
5 CALIFORNIA.

6

7 **KRYSTAL WILLIAMS:** RIGHT. [LAUGHTER.]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE'S SOME OF US WHO ALSO WENT THERE.
10 MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
11 ORDERED.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL, MADAME CHAIR. SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
14 DO YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU'RE HOLDING?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I COULD JUST -- MARV, YOU
17 DON'T EXECUTE THE CONTRACT IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE MONEY. YOU
18 GOT THAT?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE ITEM NUMBER 77.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** ZEV, I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT, I JUST, YOU KNOW,
23 IT'S REALLY TOUGH, HANGING THOSE STUDENTS OUT LIKE THAT.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, I AGREE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TERRIBLE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WE NEED TO FIX THAT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S NOT OUR FAULT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** I KNOW.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT THE COUNTY'S FAULT. THIS HAS BEEN
13 KICKING AROUND FOR MANY -- THIS GOES BACK TO JULY. TALK ABOUT
14 RETROACTIVE CONTRACTS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 77. THIS IS OUR STATE
19 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR
20 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THIS DOCUMENT SERVES AS A GUIDE TO ALL
21 OF OUR POLICIES AND PRIORITIES, WHETHER IT BE IN THE STATE
22 LEGISLATURE OR IN THE U.S. CONGRESS. AND I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT
23 THE DOCUMENT ADDRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING CULTURALLY
24 AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT PHYSICAL HEALTHCARE TO ETHNIC
25 COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, I'M CONCERNED THAT THE SAME LANGUAGE



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1 DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE SECTION ON MENTAL HEALTH. APPROXIMATELY
2 1 IN 5 PEOPLE SUFFER FROM MENTAL DISORDERS, AND PEOPLE OF
3 COLOR ARE NO MORE OR LESS LIKELY TO SUFFER FROM THESE
4 ILLNESSES. BUT VARIOUS FACTORS KEEP AFRICAN-AMERICANS,
5 HISPANICS, AMERICAN INDIANS, ASIAN AMERICANS AND OTHER PEOPLE
6 OF COLOR FROM GETTING THE HELP THAT THEY NEED. WHEN THEY DO
7 GET THE CARE, IT IS OFTEN SUBSTANDARD AND IN MANY INSTANCES
8 OFTEN TOO LATE. LANGUAGE BARRIERS ARE A HUGE ISSUE. FEW MENTAL
9 HEALTH PROVIDERS IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS SPANISH SPEAKERS, YET
10 FOUR IN TEN LATINOS SAY THEY DO NOT HAVE STRONG ENGLISH
11 SPEAKING SKILLS. CULTURAL STIGMAS TOO, ARE A PROBLEM. MEMBERS
12 OF ETHNIC COMMUNITIES UTILIZE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT A MUCH
13 LOWER RATE THAN WHITES. WHILE IT'S WONDERFUL THAT THE PROPOSED
14 AGENDA INCLUDES THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING CULTURALLY AND
15 LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT PHYSICAL HEALTHCARE, WE MUST ENSURE
16 WE PRIORITIZE THOSE SAME SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTHCARE AS
17 WELL. SO I HAVE A MOTION THAT AMENDS IT TO ADDRESS THOSE
18 ISSUES. AND IT'S AMENDMENT TO ITEM NUMBER 77. SO I SO MOVE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED AS AMENDED.
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE ONE OTHER ITEM IF I COULD. I'M GOING TO
24 PASS OUT AN EMERGENCY MOTION THAT WE HAVE. AND IT'S IN TWO
25 PARTS. IT HAS AN ATTACHMENT TO IT, AS WELL. IN SEPTEMBER OF



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1 THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GRANTED A PERMIT FOR
2 THE PLACEMENT OF MURAL ARTWORK IN THE--

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GLORIA, IS THIS ON 77?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, WE WEREN'T DONE.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THOUGHT WE HAD PASSED IT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, THAT WAS JUST YOUR AMENDMENT. I HAD A
13 COUPLE OF AMENDMENTS, TOO.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, I APOLOGIZE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, YOU HAVE ANOTHER AMENDMENT, I SEE.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS. I WILL
20 DO IT VERY QUICKLY. I HAD TWO AMENDMENTS. ONE--

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVE TO RECONSIDER. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
23 ORDERED.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE AS AN AMENDMENT TO ITEM 77 THAT WE
2 ADD THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE ACTION UNDER PROBATION
3 DEPARTMENT, SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD FUND THE
4 EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT OF THE JUVENILE COURT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
5 ON A RESIDENTIAL MODEL AS OPPOSED TO A REVENUE-LIMIT MODEL IN
6 ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ALL YOUTHS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM
7 RECEIVE THE FUNDING TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED WITH REGARD TO
8 EDUCATION. THAT'S ONE. DO YOU WANT TO SECOND IT?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SECOND IT, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND MOTION IS, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT, THIS IS AN AMENDMENT TO 77. I MOVE THAT
14 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
15 TO REMOVE SECTION 2.5, WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND FLOOD CONTROL,
16 ITEM NUMBER 11, FROM THE STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE
17 SECOND YEAR OF THE 2007-'08 SESSION AND WORK WITH THE
18 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
19 TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 30 DAYS REGARDING THE NEED FOR
20 THIS LANGUAGE AND A DISCUSSION OF THE POTENTIALLY NEGATIVE
21 IMPLICATIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY STEMMING FROM
22 THE USE OF ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES AND HERBICIDES, AS WELL
23 AS THE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THAT THE COUNTY CURRENTLY
24 EMPLOYS IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THIS POTENTIAL RISK TO PUBLIC
25 HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT. ESSENTIALLY, IT DEFERS THIS ONE



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1 ISSUE FOR 30 DAYS SO THAT WE HAVE TIME TO GET OUR DEPARTMENTS
2 INVOLVED. IT WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE US IN ANY WAY ON THE
3 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM IF WE CHOOSE TO GET BACK AND HAVE AN
4 ADVOCACY ROLE ON THIS. I WOULD ASK THAT WE APPROVE THAT
5 AMENDMENT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** SECOND.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. SO
10 THAT AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, AS WELL. ON THE MAIN MOTION,
11 SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES, YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS AND ITEM 77 IS
12 ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION. DO YOU HAVE OTHER ITEMS?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. NOW I HAVE THIS MOTION. AND I THINK MY
15 STAFF HAS PASSED IT OUT. IT'S AN EMERGENCY MOTION. AND I'D
16 LIKE TO READ IT IN. IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT
17 OF PUBLIC WORKS GRANTED A PERMIT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF MURAL
18 ARTWORK ON THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S RIGHT OF WAY ALONG THE
19 ARROYO SECO AND ITS CONFLUENCE WITH THE LOS ANGELES RIVER. THE
20 MURAL ARTWORK WAS AUTHORIZED AT THE BEHEST OF THE FRIENDS OF
21 THE LOS ANGELES RIVER. PARTS OF THE MURAL AND THE ARTWORK HAVE
22 BEEN PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE AREA FOR WHICH THE PERMIT WAS
23 GRANTED. ADDITIONALLY, PORTIONS OF THE MURAL ARTWORK WERE
24 DEFACED WITH GRAFFITI AND OTHER GRAPHIC ELEMENTS WHICH ARE
25 CONTRARY TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE AND OFFENSIVE TO



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1 MANY. ADDITIONALLY, THE AREA OF THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
2 RIGHT OF WAY WAS DEFACED WITH A GREAT DEAL OF ADDITIONAL
3 GRAFFITI. AS WE ALL KNOW, AND WE'VE SEEN, GRAFFITI IS
4 DETRIMENTAL TO THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED. AND IT
5 CAN LEAD TO VIOLENCE AND EVEN TO DEATH OF INNOCENT PERSONS AS
6 WE SAW WITH MR. WHITEHEAD AND WITH MARIA HICKS. THE FRIENDS OF
7 THE LOS ANGELES RIVER HAD INDICATED THAT IT'S TAKING STEPS TO
8 ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM. BUT OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS,
9 REGRETTABLY, IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT THE FRIENDS ARE
10 UNWILLING TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
11 WORKS HAS INDICATED THAT IT RECOMMENDS A 90-DAY NOTICE UNDER
12 THE CALIFORNIA ART PRESERVATION ACT TO BE PROVIDED TO THE
13 MURAL ART WORK'S ARTISTS DECLARING PUBLIC WORKS' INTENTION TO
14 REMOVE THE MURAL ARTWORK SHOULD THE MURAL ARTWORK'S ARTISTS
15 FAIL TO REMOVE IT THEMSELVES OR TO PAY FOR ITS REMOVAL. I
16 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
17 WORKS TO PROVIDE THE 90-DAY NOTICE TO THE ARTISTS OF THE MURAL
18 ARTWORK DECLARING PUBLIC WORKS' INTENTION TO REMOVE THE MURAL
19 ARTWORK IN THE EVENT THAT THE MURAL ARTWORK ARTISTS FAIL TO
20 REMOVE IT THEMSELVES. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD FIND THAT
21 IT NEEDS TO TAKE THIS ACTION ON THIS ITEM AROSE SINCE THE
22 PRINTING OF THE POSTED AGENDA AND THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
23 WORKS BE AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A BILL FOR THE COST OF THE
24 REMOVAL OF THE MURAL ARTWORK TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LOS ANGELES
25 RIVER SINCE IT IS EQUITABLE THAT THE FRIENDS BE RESPONSIBLE



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1 FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH A REMOVAL. I FURTHER MOVE
2 THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS BE DIRECTED TO TAKE ACTION
3 TO REMOVE THE GRAFFITI THAT'S BEEN PLACED IN THIS AREA OF THE
4 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT RIGHT OF WAY. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE
5 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS BE DIRECTED TO REMOVE ANY GRAFFITI OR
6 OTHER UNPERMITTED WORK THAT HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE AREA OF THE
7 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT RIGHT OF WAY.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THAT. IT'S OUTRAGEOUS.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS. AND I DO HAVE THE LETTER FROM THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. IT HAS DECLARED THIS TO BE A
13 NUISANCE AS WELL AS OFFENSIVE GRAFFITI THAT'S BEEN PLACED. AND
14 THEN I HAVE THE DOCUMENTS OF THE ACTUAL MURAL WORK THAT HAS
15 BEEN DONE. THAT'S WHY IT'S UNDER EMERGENCY. AND UNFORTUNATELY
16 IN OUR LAST MEETING LAST WEEK THEY STILL REFUSED TO TAKE ON
17 THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REMOVING IT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THIS
20 ITEM BE TAKEN UP AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE. MOVED BY MOLINA,
21 SECONDED BY KNABE; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NOW ON THE
22 MOTION, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE; SO ORDERED.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. THAT'S IT.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT. I MOVE
2 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY MARNESBA
3 TACKETT. SHE WAS A LONG TIME COUNTY RESIDENT WHO WAS VERY
4 ACTIVE IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, IN CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS
5 AND A TREMENDOUS LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY AND A PERSON WHO LED
6 THE WAY IN TERMS OF RESOLVING ISSUES OF HOUSING AS IT RELATED
7 TO AFRICAN-AMERICANS AS WELL AS ALL THOSE CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES
8 OF EDUCATION THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT. SHE WILL BE GREATLY
9 MISSED. AND SHE WAS A HARD WORKER. SHE DIED AT THE AGE OF 99.
10 AND SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER GRANDCHILDREN, CYRUS
11 KELLAR, MICHELLE KELLAR-COLE, MARGE O. KELLAR AND BENJAMIN
12 KELLAR. AND TO HER FAMILY WE SAY THAT SHE REALLY WAS A LEGEND.
13 SHE WAS A HISTORIC FIGURE IN TERMS OF LOS ANGELES AND ALL THE
14 THINGS THAT SHE DID. AND SO ORDERED. I'LL CALL UP ITEM 18. IS
15 THAT MR. BAXTER? WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO ASKED TO SPEAK ON
16 THIS? DAVE GILLOTTE AND STEVE REMIGE. HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR A
17 LONG TIME. WE JUST KNEW THIS WAS MR. BAXTER. NO?

18

19 **STEVE REMIGE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIRWOMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
20 BOARD. I'M STEVE REMIGE, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR LOS
21 ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFFS, REPRESENTING THE OVER 8,000 ACTIVE
22 AND RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF'S AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY
23 INVESTIGATORS. TODAY YOU'RE FACED WITH IMPLEMENTING STATE BILL
24 134, WHICH WILL ELIMINATE THE AGE 60 MANDATORY RETIREMENT FOR
25 DEPUTY SHERIFFS HIRED BEFORE 1997. THE ADOPTION OF THIS



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1 LEGISLATION WILL BRING TO AN END THE TWO DISTINCT
2 CLASSIFICATIONS OF DEPUTIES THAT CURRENTLY EXIST WITHIN THE
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AS YOU KNOW, THIS BILL GIVES YOU THE
4 ABILITY TO KEEP ESTABLISHED AND EXPERIENCED EMPLOYEES WORKING
5 FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT ALSO GIVES YOU THE ABILITY TO
6 ALLOW THE SHERIFF TO REINSTATE FROM RETIREMENT SWORN DEPUTY
7 SHERIFFS WHO WERE SEPARATED DUE TO THE OLD REQUIREMENT OF
8 FORCED RETIREMENT. WHEN THIS LEGISLATION WAS FIRST DRAFTED,
9 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS FACED WITH A 1,000 DEPUTY VACANCY
10 FACTOR, AND WAS FACING AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE FOR FILLING THOSE
11 VACANCIES. SINCE THEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS RECRUITED
12 1,065 DEPUTIES AS WAS TALKED ABOUT EARLIER HERE TODAY AND HAS
13 ALL BUT ELIMINATED THE RETENTION PROBLEMS THAT IT FACED THIS
14 TIME LAST YEAR. THIS TURN-AROUND IN HIRING WAS THE DIRECT
15 RESULT OF THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF YOUR BOARD IN APPROVING
16 WELL-DESERVED WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGES THIS LAST CONTRACT.
17 YOUR FORESIGHT KEPT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COMPETITIVE WITH
18 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE L.A. AREA. ONE OF THE
19 MAJOR FACTORS FOR THIS LEGISLATION AT THE TIME WAS THE SHORT
20 STAFFING OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THIS HAS SINCE COME TO
21 AN END AS CUSTODY AND COURT SERVICES ARE FULLY STAFFED. AND
22 THE PATROL DIVISIONS HAVE A BACKLOG OF DEPUTIES WAITING TO BE
23 TRAINED. AS DEPUTY SHERIFFS SEPARATED SERVICE, OTHER DEPUTY
24 SHERIFFS REPLACED THOSE THAT LEFT, MANY OF THOSE THAT REPLACED
25 RETIRING DEPUTIES WAITED FOR SEVERAL YEARS FOR THOSE VACANCIES



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1 TO BECOME AVAILABLE. AS PART OF THIS LEGISLATION, YOU CAN
2 PERMIT THE SHERIFF THE ABILITY TO REINSTATE DEPUTY SHERIFFS
3 THAT HAVE ALREADY RETIRED. SEVERAL QUESTIONS ARISE WITH
4 PERMITTING THE SHERIFF THIS AUTHORITY. WHAT IS NOT CLEAR IS
5 HOW FAR BACK CAN THE SHERIFF GO IN REINSTATING PERSONNEL? AND
6 HOW WILL THOSE PERSONNEL BE REDEPLOYED INTO THE SHERIFF'S
7 DEPARTMENT? I'VE RECEIVED SEVERAL CONFLICTING ANSWERS FROM THE
8 BOARD OFFICES. ALSO, THERE ARE ISSUES OF SENIORITY, NOT ONLY
9 IN SERVICE TIME BUT IN JOB SELECTION. DO YOU PLACE THE
10 RETURNING EMPLOYEE IN THE JOB THEY LEFT, OR DO YOU MAKE THEM
11 RE-APPLY? ADDITIONALLY, YOU GIVE THIS REINSTATED RETIRED
12 EMPLOYEE ALL BENEFITS THAT WORKING EMPLOYEES RECEIVE, OR START
13 THEM AT THEIR OLD SALARY AND BENEFITS? WILL REINSTATING
14 RETIRED EMPLOYEES CAUSE A SLOWDOWN IN THE PROMOTIONAL PROCESS
15 FOR ACTIVE EMPLOYEES, MANY OF WHICH HAVE WAITED FOR YEARS FOR
16 THOSE PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. MOST IMPORTANTLY, WITH THE
17 ABILITY TO REINSTATE DEPUTY SHERIFFS BECOME AN AVENUE FOR THE
18 SHERIFF TO PICK AND CHOOSE THE EMPLOYEES HE DESIRES OR WHO ARE
19 PART OF HIS PATRONAGE? MANY MORE QUESTIONS ARISE FROM A LABOR
20 STANDPOINT AND LIABILITY STANDPOINT ON REINSTATING PREVIOUSLY
21 RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFFS. IT IS MY ORGANIZATION'S REQUEST THAT
22 ON A MOVING FORWARD BASIS, YOUR BOARD ENACTS THE PART OF S.B.-
23 134 THAT ALLOWS YOU TO RETAIN ACTIVE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE
24 CURRENTLY REACHING THE 60 YEARS OF AGE. I ASK THAT YOU CLOSELY
25 EXAMINE BEFORE PERMITTING THE SHERIFF THE ABSOLUTE ABILITY TO



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1 REINSTATE RETIRED PERSONNEL, ALL OF THE ISSUES WHICH COULD
2 ARISE FROM SUCH A DECISION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR
3 PATIENCE.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. GILLOTTE?

6

7 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVE GILLOTTE, I'M THE
8 PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 1014,
9 REPRESENTING THE NEARLY 3,000 PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS AND
10 PARAMEDICS FOR THIS GREAT COUNTY. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL
11 AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME ON ISSUE NUMBER 18. I RISE TO URGE
12 AN "AYE" VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION AS WRITTEN WITH A CAVEAT THAT
13 I'D LIKE TO GET A COMMITMENT FROM THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O.,
14 AND I THINK WE'VE GOT A WORKING RELATIONSHIP HERE, TO BRING
15 ALL STAKEHOLDERS INTO THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION THAT OCCURS
16 AFTER THIS IS ADOPTED. AND FOR FIRE, WE HAVE THE LEGISLATIVE
17 FIX THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN RELATIVE TO RETROACTIVE HIRING. WE
18 HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE COUNTY AND WE'LL CONTINUE
19 TO DO THAT AT THE STATE LEVEL. I ALSO SIT ON THE STATE BOARD
20 OF CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS. JUST THAT WE BE
21 BROUGHT IN AS A FORETHOUGHT PROACTIVELY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION
22 OF ALL THE DETAILS OF S.B.-134 AND NOT AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT. WE
23 ARE STAKEHOLDERS IN CHARGE OF BARGAINING AND REPRESENTING THE
24 EMPLOYEES RELATIVE TO WAGES, HOURS, WORKING CONDITIONS,
25 HEALTH, AND SAFETY. WE DO GOOD WORK DOWN HERE TOGETHER WHEN WE



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1 WORK TOGETHER. AND I THINK THAT IN COMMITTEE FASHION FROM FIRE
2 DEPARTMENT AND UNION PERSPECTIVE FROM THE FIRE END. THE FIRE
3 DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND LOCAL 1014 ARE THE
4 STAKEHOLDERS THAT SHOULD BE BROUGHT IN PROACTIVELY ON THE
5 IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE ISSUES. I URGE AN "AYE" VOTE ON THE
6 RESOLUTION. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD MOVE THE ITEM WITH THAT
11 UNDERSTANDING.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY?
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 42, THERE WAS A MOTION TO
15 CONTINUE BUT THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO ASKED TO
16 SPEAK. DAVID DELANGE? DR. DAVID DELANGE?

17

18 **DR. DAVID DELANGE:** I AM DAVID DELANGE. THIS CONTINUED
19 CULBERTSON CONTRACT IS RELATED TO THE MARINA DEL REY L.C.P.
20 PERIODIC REVIEW, THE ONE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO VOTE ON TODAY. IT
21 WILL BE PAID FOR BY TAXPAYER MONEY. THE MONEY WOULD GO TO A
22 LOBBYIST. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE LOBBYIST'S CONTRACT IS TO
23 FACILITATE THE WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION IN MARINA DEL REY OF
24 HUMAN AND WILDLIFE HABITAT AND ITS REDEVELOPMENT. DESTROYED
25 WOULD BE THOUSANDS OF TAXPAYER'S MODERATELY AFFORDABLE



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1 APARTMENTS AND BOAT SLIPS, DESTROYED BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES,
2 INCLUDING HERON NEST TREES. PROPOSED IS A TIGHT SQUEEZING OF
3 THE CURRENT ACCESS BY MOTHER'S BEACH, BY MOTHERS AND CHILDREN
4 AND MINORITIES TO MOTHER'S BEACH SO THAT A SUNLIGHT-
5 OBSTRUCTING MARRIOTT HOTEL CAN BE BUILT THERE. WE OBJECT TO
6 TAXPAYER DOLLARS BEING SPENT FOR LOBBYISTS' EFFORTS THAT
7 MAINLY LINE MARINA DEL REY'S COASTLINE WITH HIGH-END
8 RESIDENCES AND BOATING FACILITIES AND HIGH-RISE HOTELS FOR THE
9 AFFLUENT. WE OBJECT TO THE MUCH WORSE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS THAT
10 WILL RESULT FROM DOUBLED RESIDENTIAL DENSITIES. THIS
11 CONSULTANT CONTRACT HAS ONE MAIN PURPOSE: TO CLEAR AWAY ALL
12 LEGAL AND PRACTICAL OBSTACLES TO THE MASSIVE DESTRUCTION AND
13 REDEVELOPMENT OF MOST OF MARINA DEL REY'S APARTMENTS AND
14 BUSINESSES SO THAT THE COUNTY TREASURY CAN COLLECT THE PALTRY
15 10.5% OF TOTAL RESIDENTIAL RENTS FOR THE USE OF THIS TREASURED
16 LAND. THE PUBLIC GETS NOTHING. THE DEVELOPERS GET TO KEEP
17 89.5% OF THE RENTS TAKEN ON THIS PUBLIC LAND. WE WANT YOU TO
18 REFURBISH, NOT TO DEMOLISH, OUR APARTMENT HOMES. WE DON'T
19 OBJECT TO CULBERTSON GETTING THIS CONTRACT. SHE'S NOT THE
20 PROBLEM. WE OBJECT, RATHER, TO ANYONE GETTING SUCH A CONTRACT.
21 BECAUSE ANY LOBBYIST WILL FEEL COMPELLED TO PLEASE YOU AS A
22 BOARD. AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CITIZENS YOU WILL EVICT AS YOU
23 INEFFICIENTLY MILK YOUR CASH COW, MARINA DEL REY. THE HUNDREDS
24 OF THOUSANDS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN PAID OUT TO THIS PART-TIME
25 LOBBYIST CONTRACT IS FURTHER ARMING THE PEOPLE IN LESS OBVIOUS



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1 WAYS. THERE HAVE BEEN ENGINEERED DELAYS THAT HAVE LED TO A
2 NEED TO EXTEND THIS CONTRACT, AN OPEN-ENDED CONTRACT. THIS
3 LOBBYIST FIRM HAS WORKED HARD TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC
4 INTEREST GROUPS FROM THE REVIEW PROCESS AND TO CUT OFF ACCESS
5 OF US TO PUBLIC DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY. LET ME READ
6 IN CONCLUSION ONE VERY INTERESTING PIECE FROM THE WEBSITE OF
7 THIS LOBBYIST. THIS IS WHAT SHE STATES, "OUR PROJECTS IN THE
8 COASTAL ZONE HAVE ENCOMPASSED SOME OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL
9 AND NOTORIOUS ISSUES IN THE COASTAL ZONE, ALL ACCOMPLISHED TO
10 APPROVAL WITHOUT ALIENATION OF THE COMMISSION OR THE STAFF."
11 DOES THAT CONCERN YOU? I MEAN, LISTEN TO THOSE WORDS.

12 "NOTORIOUS" IS WHAT SHE'S AFTER ON YOUR BEHALF.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERE WAS A MOTION TO
15 CONTINUE THIS. WHAT'S THE DATE TO? JANUARY 8TH, I BELIEVE?

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I BELIEVE IT'S JANUARY 8TH.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** I MOVE TO CONTINUE TO JANUARY 8TH.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, JANUARY 8TH. I HAVE NO
22 FURTHER ITEMS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. WHAT
25 ARE THE ITEMS THAT ARE OUTSTANDING?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE 20 AND 76. NOT 76, 20--

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 76 AND ALSO 78.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND 20. 76.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, LET'S TAKE UP 76.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 76.

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12 **SUP. DON KNABE:** THEY'RE RELATED TO EACH OTHER. 20 AND 76 ARE
13 RELATED TO EACH OTHER.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO
16 SPEAK? PAT CARRAHER.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON. HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU HAVE? BEFORE
19 THEY GET TO THAT PART, CAN I JUST ASK ANOTHER QUESTION? I HAVE
20 A COUPLE OF ISSUES I WANT TO RAISE. BILL? ON THIS, FIRST OF
21 ALL IS DR. CHERNOF HERE? COULD WE ASK HIM TO COME UP? BEFORE
22 WE HAVE THE NURSES.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BEFORE YOU SPEAK. YOU CAN STAY RIGHT THERE.
2 BUT WE'RE GOING TO ASK DR. CHERNOF TO COME UP AND TAKE ONE OF
3 THE SEATS.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONE REQUEST I HAVE OF THE C.E.O. IS --

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I ONLY THINK I CALLED A COUPLE PEOPLE.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'RE WELL-ORGANIZED. NEXT YEAR WHEN WE
10 HAVE ONE OF THESE -- WHEN WE HAVE THESE RECLASSIFICATIONS,
11 WHEN I GET THE INFORMATION THAT'S ALWAYS WHATEVER IT'S CALLED
12 GRADES 15 MOVES TO GRADE 17. IT MAY MEAN SOMETHING TO
13 EVERYBODY ELSE, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS. IN THE
14 FUTURE, WILL YOU HAVE YOUR FOLKS WRITE IT UP SO THAT WE CAN
15 SEE THE SALARY INCREASES?

16
17 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** OKAY, WE'LL DO THAT.

18
19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANKS. DR. CHERNOF, I HAVE ONE
20 QUESTION. ONE OF THE RECLASSIFICATIONS HERE IS FOR TWO
21 INDIVIDUALS. ONE IS THE DIRECTOR, OR WHATEVER THE TITLE IS, OF
22 THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. CLUSTER, PETE DELGADO AND THAT'S FINE.
23 BUT THE OTHER ONE IS FOR -- WHAT'S IT CALLED? COASTAL? COASTAL
24 SOUTHWEST CLUSTER. AND MY QUESTION TO YOU IS: THIS IS AN
25 INCREASE IN RESPONSIBILITY. IT'S ADVERTISED AS AN INCREASED IN



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1 RESPONSIBILITY AND INCREASE IN SALARY FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL,
2 INCREASE IN SCOPE FOR THE JOB; CORRECT?

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4 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IF COUNTY -- IF M.L.K. HOSPITAL IS OPEN,
7 REOPENED UNDER U.C. OR SOMEBODY OTHER THAN THE COUNTY, WHICH
8 IS OUR EXPECTATION, THIS INDIVIDUAL WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE -
9 - OR WOULD THIS INDIVIDUAL STILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT
10 HOSPITAL IN THAT CLUSTER?

11

12 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK IT WILL BE DEPENDENT ON
13 WHAT THE RELATIONSHIP IS IF A PRIVATE OPERATOR IS SELECTED.
14 YOU COULD HAVE PRIVATE OPERATOR RELATIONSHIPS THAT RANGE FROM
15 FAIRLY INDEPENDENT, WHERE THE PRIVATE OPERATOR MIGHT WANT TO
16 RUN INPATIENT SERVICES AS WELL AS OUTPATIENT SERVICES. THAT'S
17 A MORE ACCURATE MODEL.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT DEPENDS ON WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE.

20

21 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE DON'T KNOW TODAY WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE.
24 BUT YET WE'RE BEING ASKED TO APPROVE A POSITION, SALARY
25 POSITION AS THOUGH WE KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE, WHICH IS THE



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1 MAXIMUM. THIS SALARY IS GOING TO APPLY WHETHER HE OR SHE HAS
2 TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE HOSPITALS, INCLUDING M.L.K.
3 OR WHETHER HE'S NOT RESPONSIBLE AT ALL FOR M.L.K.

4

5 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** LET ME BE CLEAR, SUPERVISOR. IT'S FAR MORE
6 THAN JUST WHETHER OR NOT M.L.K. REOPENS. YOU HAVE THE
7 OUTPATIENT SERVICES, THE M.L.K. M.A.C.C. SERVICES WILL NEED TO
8 REMAIN IN SOME FASHION OR ANOTHER. YOU HAVE ANOTHER
9 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER, THE HUMPHREY HEALTH CENTER, WHICH
10 WILL NOW BE PART OF THE CLUSTER. YOU HAVE THE OUTPATIENT
11 CLINICS. SO THIS C.E.O. POSITION IS TAKING OVER THE
12 RESPONSIBILITIES --

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THE HUMPHREY NOT NOW PART OF THAT
15 CLUSTER?

16

17 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** IT IS CURRENTLY NOT, BUT WILL BE AS PART OF
18 THIS REARRANGEMENT. AND FINALLY, WHOEVER THE PRIVATE OPERATOR
19 IS, THERE WILL BE SOME RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTY SYSTEM
20 AND THAT OPERATOR. HOW MUCH OF A RELATIONSHIP, YOU'RE RIGHT,
21 IS NOT DEFINED AT THIS POINT. BUT THIS WILL BE A VERY
22 DIFFERENT AND SEMINAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE
23 PRIVATE SECTOR AS WE REOPEN THIS HOSPITAL. SO THE ROLE IS MUCH
24 BROADER THAN JUST THE HOSPITAL, IT'S THE WHOLE OUTPATIENT
25 NETWORK AS WELL AS MANAGING.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. SO YOU'RE TELLING ME -- OR CAN
3 YOU TELL ME THAT IF THIS INDIVIDUAL IS GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE
4 FOR M.L.K., IN ADDITION TO ALL THESE OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES
5 THAT YOU'VE JUST ENUMERATED, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE COMING
6 BACK AND ASKING FOR YET MORE OF A SALARY TO REFLECT THE ADDED
7 RESPONSIBILITY OF HAVING THE HOSPITAL UNDER HIS OR HER BELT,
8 ARE YOU?

9

10 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT IS NOT MY INTENTION, SUPERVISOR.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IF THERE IS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR
13 M.L.K., YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE SALARY THAT YOU ARE PROPOSING
14 FOR THIS POSITION, THAT YOU CAN DEFEND THAT?

15

16 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU SEE WHY THIS -- I DON'T WANT TO PICK
19 ON ONE -- IT'S JUST SO OBVIOUS TO ME THAT -- I MEAN THE
20 HOSPITAL IS A BIG PART, ANY HOSPITAL IN THE SYSTEM IS A BIG
21 PART OF A CLUSTER, AND I WOULD IMAGINE IS A SIGNIFICANT
22 RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CLUSTER CHIEF, CORRECT?

23

24 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** CORRECT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF YOU ARE RAISING THE POSITION OF THE
2 CLUSTER CHIEF TO THE POINT OF PUTTING HIM ON A PAR WITH THE
3 CLUSTER CHIEF THAT'S RUNNING L.A. COUNTY U.S.C., I GUESS
4 EITHER YOU'RE PAYING HIM TOO MUCH IF THEY AREN'T GOING TO BE
5 OVERSEEING M.L.K. OR YOU'RE NOT PAYING THEM ENOUGH IF THEY ARE
6 OVERSEEING M.L.K. I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN MAKE THAT
7 JUDGMENT TODAY AND SAY THAT WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE DOING
8 M.L.K., THIS IS THE SALARY THAT GOES WITH THAT POSITION.

9

10 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS WE NEED A SENIOR
11 EXECUTIVE TO PLAY A LEADERSHIP ROLE AT RUNNING HARBOR-U.C.L.A.
12 MEDICAL CENTER. RUNNING ALL OF THE CURRENT OPERATIONS,
13 OUTPATIENT-WISE, THAT ARE UNDER HARBOR-U.C.L.A. AS WELL AS
14 TAKING OVER THIS WHOLE ARRAY OF RELATIONSHIPS THAT DIDN'T
15 EXIST, SOME OF WHICH DIDN'T EXIST BEFORE, LIKE THE M.L.K.
16 M.A.C.C., REIMAGINING THE SERVICES IN THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES
17 DELIVERY SYSTEM, AND HUMPHREY IS NOT AS EFFICIENT AS WE NEED
18 IT TO BE. AND WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH OUR
19 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERS IN A MORE EFFICIENT WAY. AND FINALLY
20 THERE WILL BE -- THERE WILL BE A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE M.L.K.
21 HOSPITAL WHEN IT REOPENS. THE ONLY QUESTION WILL BE: WHAT WILL
22 THAT RELATIONSHIP BE STRUCTURED LIKE AND HOW MUCH POROSITY
23 WILL THERE BE BETWEEN THE COUNTY SYSTEM AND THAT HOSPITAL'S
24 DELIVERY SYSTEM? AND THAT'S GOING TO TAKE A SPECIFIC KIND OF
25 EXECUTIVE WITH THE VISION AND EXPERIENCE TO DO THAT KIND OF



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1 WORK. WE'RE HIRING SOMEBODY TO GET THAT DONE RIGHT THE FIRST
2 TIME. AND THE COMPLEXITY OF THAT WORK IS EQUIVALENT -- AND THE
3 C.E.O. STAFF HAS REVIEWED THIS IN GREAT DETAIL. IT MAY NOT BE
4 THE SAME BED COUNT PER SE BUT THE COMPLEXITY OF THE WORK,
5 WORK, THE BREADTH OF THE WORK IS SUFFICIENT TO MERIT THE ITEM.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS POSITION EXISTS CURRENTLY, DOES IT NOT?

8

9 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YES, IT DOES.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, BECAUSE IT'S A RECLASSIFICATION OF
12 THIS POSITION.

13

14 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE CURRENT SALARY AND WHAT IS THE
17 PROPOSED SALARY OF THIS POSITION?

18

19 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** C.E.O. STAFF, CAN YOU HELP ME, PLEASE?

20

21 **PAT GRIFFIN:** I'M PAT GRIFFIN WITH C.E.O. COMPENSATION. RIGHT
22 NOW, HARBOR IS IN THE MAP SYSTEM AND IT'S PAID AS AN R19. THE
23 NEW CLASSIFICATION, WHICH IS THE SAME CLASSIFICATION AT THE
24 MED CENTER WILL BE PAID R20. THERE'S A 7-1/2 PERCENT
25 DIFFERENCE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS AN R19 SALARY?

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4 **PAT GRIFFIN:** I DON'T HAVE THAT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. CAN YOU GET THAT FOR ME? IT
7 DOESN'T HAVE TO BE NOW, BUT YOU'VE ANSWERED PART OF MY
8 QUESTION, 7-1/2 PERCENT. AND YOU'RE RAISING THAT ALSO? ARE YOU
9 ALSO TAKING THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. FROM R19 TO R20?

10

11 **PAT GRIFFIN:** NO. IT IS ALREADY AN R20.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S ALREADY R20. SO YOU'RE NOT CHANGING
14 THAT ONE AT ALL, YOU'RE JUST BRINGING THIS ONE TO THE SAME
15 PLACE?

16

17 **PAT GRIFFIN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. JUST GET ME THAT SALARY AMOUNT.
20 YOU CAN DO IT PRIVATELY WHILE WE'RE HEARING THE TESTIMONY,
21 THAT'S FINE.

22

23 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MAYBE YOU SHOULD STATE YOUR
2 NAMES. YOU DON'T WANT THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE.
3 STATE YOUR NAMES AND WE'LL PULL THEM OUT. WHO IS GOING TO
4 SPEAK FIRST?

5

6 **ROSIE MARTINEZ:** ROSIE MARTINEZ.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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10 **ROSIE MARTINEZ:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
11 ROSIE MARTINEZ, R.N., PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE. ON APRIL THE FIRST
12 OF THIS YEAR, 3,800 L.A. COUNTY NURSES FELT WE WERE DEMOTED.
13 WHY? BECAUSE WE LOST RECOGNITION OF THE SPECIALIZED PATIENT
14 CARE WE PROVIDE. COUNTY CLASSIFIED US AS GENERIC NURSES. WE
15 ARE NOT GENERIC NURSES. I AM HERE TODAY TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT
16 THE IMPORTANCE OF A PROFESSIONAL CAREER LADDER FOR NURSES IN
17 L.A. COUNTY. A SPECIALIZED NURSE CAREER LADDER IS PART OF A
18 QUALITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM THAT WE ALL HOLD NEAR AND DEAR TO
19 OUR HEARTS. IT'S BETTER FOR PATIENTS. NURSES ARE EXPERTS IN
20 THEIR SPECIALTY. WORKING DAY IN AND DAY OUT IN THE SAME
21 DEPARTMENT MEANS PATIENT CARE IS ENHANCED AND PROBLEMS ARE
22 SPOTTED EARLIER AND MORE EFFECTIVELY DEALT WITH. IT HELPS WITH
23 RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT. HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS WANT TO
24 WORK IN A SYSTEM THAT RESPECTS AND UNDERSTANDS THE SPECIALTY
25 CARE WE PROVIDE. L.A. COUNTY ALREADY HAS A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH



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1 RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT. ELIMINATING SPECIALTIES WILL
2 COMPOUND THIS PROBLEM. IT'S INDUSTRY STANDARDS, EVERY HOSPITAL
3 AND CLINIC IN THE COUNTRY ACROSS THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS
4 THAT PATIENTS AND CARE PROVIDERS ALIKE APPRECIATE AND NEED THE
5 EXPERTISE THAT COMES WITH NURSING SPECIALTIES. WE'RE NOT THERE
6 YET. AUGUST 2006, COUNTY NURSING LEADERSHIP, CHIEF NURSING
7 OFFICER VIVIAN BRANDCHECK, LEADING THE COUNTY NURSE MANAGEMENT
8 TEAM AND OUR OWN ELECTED S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660 NURSE NEGOTIATING
9 TEAM SUCCESSFULLY BARGAINED JUST SUCH A PROFESSIONAL CAREER
10 LADDER BASED ON COUNTY SPECIALTY AREAS. HOW? BECAUSE HUNDREDS
11 AND HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND NINE
12 MONTHS OF WIN/WIN NEGOTIATIONS. REGRETTABLY AND TO OUR DISMAY,
13 THE COMPENSATION DIVISION OF THE FORMER CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
14 OFFICE REJECTED OUR JOINT LABOR MANAGEMENT NURSING EXPERTISE
15 AND INSISTED UPON A GENERIC SUBSTITUTE. THEY NEGATED THE
16 NURSING MANAGEMENT AND NURSING EFFORTS. AND THE CURRENT
17 RECLASSIFICATION SYSTEM WAS PUT INTO PLACE WHICH ELIMINATED
18 ALL 14 CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALTIES AND REDUCED ALL 3,800 NURSES
19 TO R.N.1. NO RECOGNITION OF SPECIALTIES.

20
21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED BUT WE
22 HAVE SOME OTHER PEOPLE WHO I'M SURE WILL TAKE UP FROM THERE.

23
24 **ROSIE MARTINEZ:** RIGHT. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY ONE MORE THING
25 THAT WE WANT A FAIR AND JUST, EQUITABLE CAREER LADDER. MAKE NO



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1 MISTAKE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT UNTIL WE PREVAIL AND
2 RECOGNIZE AND COMPENSATE THE NURSES IN THEIR RIGHTFUL
3 SPECIALTY. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PAT CARRAHER.

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7 **PAT CARRAHER:** GOOD MORNING. HAPPY HOLIDAYS. MY NAME IS PAT
8 CARRAHER. AND I'M A NURSE. ADDITIONALLY, I'M A NURSING CARE
9 SPECIALIST AND I AM HERE TO SPEAK TO THAT SPECIFIC ASPECT OF
10 THIS SITUATION. MANY YEARS AGO, THE COUNTY IN ITS WISDOM
11 RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR NURSES WHOSE EXPERTISE IN GIVEN FIELDS
12 SUCH AS DIABETES, PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY, PAIN MANAGEMENT, WOUND
13 MANAGEMENT, AND HIV/AIDS, WOULD SERVE AS A RESOURCE NOT ONLY
14 FOR THE PATIENTS THEMSELVES, BUT THEIR FAMILIES, OUR FELLOW
15 NURSES, DOCTORS AND THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL. AND PERHAPS
16 BECAUSE OF OUR EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, EXPERTISE, CRITICAL
17 THINKING SKILLS, AND LEADERSHIP, THE COUNTY ELECTED TO PROMOTE
18 US AND COLLECTIVELY LABEL US NURSING CARE SPECIALISTS. THREE
19 DECADES LATER, THE PATIENT HAS NOT DISAPPEARED AND NEITHER
20 HAVE WE. AND YET, SOME OF THE COUNTY'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST
21 NURSES ARE BEING UNDERMINED AND DRIVEN AWAY BY A REASSIGNMENT
22 PLAN THAT SHOWS LITTLE COMPREHENSION OF THE NURSING LABOR
23 MARKET AND EVEN LESS UNDERSTANDING OF THE MIND, THE SPINE AND
24 THE HEART OF THE NURSES WHO HAVE SERVED OUR PATIENTS SO WELL
25 AND SO LONG. PRIOR TO THE SPRING OF 2007, NURSING CARE



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1 SPECIALISTS WERE UNDER THE CATEGORY KNOWN AS THE NURSING
2 SPECIALISTS AND CONSULTANT GROUP, AND WERE AT THE ROUGH SALARY
3 EQUIVALENT OF SUPERVISING CLINIC NURSE AND SUPERVISING STAFF
4 NURSE. AFTER APRIL FIRST, THE TWO MENTIONED SUPERVISING NURSE
5 POSITIONS ENDED UP ON GRID 6-8, WHILE NURSING CARE SPECIALISTS
6 WERE MYSTERIOUSLY PARACHUTED ALL THE WAY DOWN TO GRID 1. OUT
7 OF THE SPECIALISTS AND CONSULTANTS GROUPS AND INTO THE
8 CLINICAL GROUP AT A PAR WITH AN ENTRY LEVEL STAFF NURSE. AND
9 YET FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVEN'T LEFT ALREADY, WE'RE STILL
10 DOING THE EXACT SAME JOB WE DID THE WEEK BEFORE. WHAT DOES
11 THIS SITUATION SAY ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF THOUGHT AND EXPERTISE
12 THAT WAS PUT INTO THE WHOLE RECLASSIFICATION? WHAT GREATER
13 INDICATOR DO YOU NEED TO SEE THAT THIS GRID PROCESS IS NOT
14 WORKING AS ADVERTISED? WHAT CONCLUSIONS SHOULD NURSING CARE
15 SPECIALISTS DRAW ABOUT THEIR VALUE AND THEIR FUTURE AT THE
16 COUNTY? WHAT MEANING WILL OTHER NURSES DRAW ABOUT THEIR
17 FUTURE, VIEWING THE TREATMENT OF THE NURSING CARE SPECIALISTS?
18 WHAT MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT OUTSIDE TO NURSES WHO MIGHT BE
19 CONSIDERING A CAREER AT THE COUNTY? AS NURSES START TO GO
20 ELSEWHERE, WHAT WILL OUR PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES BE ABLE
21 TO CONCLUDE? I'M A NURSING CARE SPECIALIST. I'M PRETTY GOOD AT
22 MY JOB. AND BECAUSE I'M GOOD AT WHAT I DO, A LOT FEWER OF MY
23 PATIENTS ARE ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL. AND BECAUSE I'M
24 AVAILABLE, THEY CAN OFTEN BE DISCHARGED SOONER. THIS
25 TRANSLATES TO A NEED FOR FEWER BEDS, THE COUNTY NEEDS TO



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1 MAINTAIN FEWER NURSES, AND HAS TO HIRE LESS. BEHIND ME SIT MY
2 FELLOW SPECIALISTS. ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WE PREVENT ADMISSIONS,
3 SHORTEN STAYS, IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE AND SOMETIMES EVEN
4 THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR PATIENTS. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GRACE CORSE.
7 [APPLAUSE.] WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOU NOT TO APPLAUD. BUT YOU CAN
8 PUT YOUR SIGNS UP. GRACE CORSE AND THEN URSULA EPPS.

9

10 **GRACE CORSE:** NO, URSULA EPPS WILL PRECEDE ME.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

13

14 **URSULA EPPS:** MY NAME IS URSULA EPPS, AND I'M A REGISTERED
15 NURSE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. THERE'S GOOD NEWS. I
16 AND SO MANY OF MY NURSE COLLEAGUES CHOSE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS
17 AN EMPLOYER BECAUSE WE SAW OPPORTUNITIES TO PRACTICE OUR
18 PROFESSION IN A COMPLEX HEALTH CARE SYSTEM WITH MULTIPLE
19 SPECIALTIES. WE WANT TO BE OF SERVICE TO THE UNDERSERVED. WE
20 WANT TO KEEP L.A. HEALTHY. THERE'S MORE GOOD NEWS. OUR LAST
21 UNION CONTRACT, SIGNIFICANT RAISES FOR NURSES BASED ON EACH
22 NURSE'S YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. WHY, THEN, DO WE STILL HAVE OVER
23 800 NURSE VACANCIES? OUR RECENT RAISES HELPED RETAIN OUR
24 SENIOR NURSES. HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL LEFT COMPETING TO ATTRACT
25 NEW NURSES INTO OUR SYSTEM. THE BAD NEWS IS THAT THIS GENERIC



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1 RECLASSIFICATION SYSTEM IS UNDOING THE GOOD NEWS. THE TURMOIL
2 WE ARE EXPERIENCING WITH THIS GENERIC NURSE FIASCO HAS MADE
3 L.A. COUNTY A PLACE THAT R.N.S ARE AVOIDING AS A PLACE OF
4 EMPLOYMENT. WE MUST ESTABLISH A SYSTEM THAT AIDS US IN R.N.
5 RECRUITMENT. WE MUST CHANGE THIS BROKEN SYSTEM. BECAUSE THIS
6 GENERIC RECLASSIFICATION SYSTEM IS NOT A PROFESSIONAL CAREER
7 LADDER, INDIVIDUAL NURSES WERE PROMOTED TO R.N. 2 OR 3 WITHOUT
8 REGARDS TO WHERE THEIR SPECIALTY WAS NEEDED. NO HEALTHCARE
9 PLANNING WAS DONE BECAUSE BUREAUCRATS DESIGNED THIS SO-CALLED
10 SYSTEM, NOT NURSES. THUS, MANY NURSES WERE FIRST PROMOTED AND
11 THEN LATER COERCED INTO SIGNING VOLUNTARY REASSIGNMENTS TO
12 AREAS OF CLINICAL NURSING PRACTICE, WHICH THEY DO NOT
13 SPECIALIZE, HAVE NOT WORKED IN FOR MANY YEARS, OR TO LESS
14 DESIRABLE SHIFTS. MANY NURSES WERE COERCED INTO SIGNING
15 VOLUNTARY DEMOTIONS IF THEY DECLINED THESE REASSIGNMENTS. DUE
16 TO THIS, A BRAIN DRAIN OF NURSING SPECIALTY EXPERTISE IS
17 OCCURRING IN OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. D.H. NURSING MANAGERS AND
18 ADMINISTRATORS REPORT WIDESPREAD PROBLEMS IN THE ATTEMPTED
19 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SO-CALLED RECLASS SYSTEM. HERE ARE A
20 FEW STORIES ABOUT THOSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. THE MEDICAL I.C.U.
21 AT L.A.C. MEDICAL CENTER, 14 NURSES WERE PROMOTED TO R.N. 3 AS
22 THEY SHOULD. THEIR WORK HISTORY DELIVERING TOP NOTCH PATIENT
23 CARE SPOKE FOR ITSELF. BUT UNDER THE CURRENT PROMOTION SCHEME,
24 THERE WERE ONLY THREE R.N. 3 POSITIONS IN THIS DEPARTMENT.
25 DESPITE THE EXCELLENCE IN THEIR FIELD RECOGNIZED BY THESE



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1 PROMOTIONS, THEY ARE BEING FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR SPECIALTY TO
2 WORK IN ANOTHER AREA IN ORDER TO RETAIN THEIR PROMOTION. THANK
3 YOU.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **GRACE CORSE:** GOOD MORNING. AND THANK YOU. MY NAME IS GRACE
8 CORSE, CAN YOU HEAR ME? I'M A CRITICAL CARE NURSE AT
9 L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. I'M A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA
10 STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING AND I AM THE ELECTED LEADER
11 OF THE S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 REGISTERED NURSES NEGOTIATING
12 COMMITTEE. IN MY PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY ON THE STATE BOARD AND
13 AS A PRACTICING REGISTERED NURSE, I CAN SAY WITHOUT HESITATION
14 THAT THE CURRENT GENERIC NURSING PLAN DOES NOT WORK FOR
15 PATIENTS, NURSES, NOR FOR THE COUNTY. IT HAS NEGATIVELY
16 IMPACTED RECRUITMENT EFFORTS. IT HURTS RATHER THAN HELPS US BE
17 READY FOR REGULATORY OVERSIGHT BY JHACO AND C.M.S., BOTH THE
18 JOINT COMMISSION AND FEDERAL AGENCIES RELY ON MEDICAL
19 SPECIALTIES TO CONDUCT THEIR REVIEWS. SPECIALTIES ARE ALSO
20 CRITICAL AS RELATED TO STATE LAW. TITLE 22, WHICH GOVERNS
21 ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS IN CALIFORNIA, REQUIRES THAT HEALTHCARE
22 BE DELIVERED BY PROFESSIONALS IN THEIR AREA OF SPECIALTY AND
23 EXPERTISE. WITHOUT CLEAR NURSING SPECIALTY AREAS, WE ARE IN
24 JEOPARDY OF VIOLATING THE LAW. WELL, THERE IS ANOTHER WAY. THE
25 COUNTY AND NURSES ALREADY AGREED ON A PROFESSIONAL CAREER



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1 LADDER DURING THE 2006 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. WORKING NURSES
2 AND NURSING MANAGEMENT DEVELOPED A CAREER LADDER THAT WILL GO
3 A LONG WAY TOWARD IMPROVING PATIENT CARE. IT WOULD DEVELOP A
4 POSITIVE REPUTATION OF D.H.S. AS AN EMPLOYER, WHICH IMPROVES
5 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION. AT THAT TIME, A JOINT LETTER FROM
6 S.E.I.U. AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDED THE PROFESSIONAL
7 TRACK TO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. THE LETTER STATED OUR GOAL WAS
8 TO DEVELOP A SIMPLIFIED, COST-EFFECTIVE AND EQUITABLE SYSTEM
9 THAT WOULD BE COMPETITIVE AND RECOGNIZE EXPERIENCE AND
10 EDUCATION WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MOBILITY AND ADVANCEMENT IN
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE SYSTEM WOULD BECOME MARKET COMPETITIVE
12 SO THAT WE COULD RECRUIT AND RETAIN QUALIFIED STAFF. WE NEED
13 TO RE-VISIT THIS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON PLAN AND PUT THIS
14 GENERIC NURSING CLASSIFICATION BEHIND US AND NOT LET THE FINAL
15 SAY COME FROM PAT GRIFFIN, WHO IS NOT A HEALTHCARE
16 PROFESSIONAL. AS A STOP-GAP MEASURE, WE ASK THAT YOU STOP
17 TAKING R.N.S OUT OF THEIR SPECIALTIES AND PROMOTE ALL NURSING
18 CANDIDATES WHO ARE CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE. WE ALSO ASK THAT YOU
19 DIRECT AND EMPOWER THE C.E.O. TO NEGOTIATE WITH S.E.I.U. LOCAL
20 721 TO APPLY THE NURSE SPECIALTY FRAMEWORK THAT WE MUTUALLY
21 AGREED ON IN AUGUST OF 2006 TO THE CURRENT SALARY GRID.
22 SUPERVISORS, NURSES ARE ASKING YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR L.A.
23 COUNTY QUALITY HEALTHCARE, WHERE THERE ARE NO GENERIC
24 PATIENTS, AND NO GENERIC NURSES. WE ASK YOU TO HELP KEEP L.A.
25 COUNTY HEALTHY. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **GRACE CORSE:** NOW, I HAVE PACKETS OF INFORMATION FOR EACH ONE
5 OF YOU. I THINK THERE ARE FIVE PACKETS HERE.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE THE JOB THAT YOU
8 DO. WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH BECAUSE WE APPRECIATE THE FACT
9 THAT YOU STAYED WITH THE COUNTY AND WORK WITH THE COUNTY. ARE
10 THERE ANY COMMENTS? YES, C.E.O.

11

12 **GRACE CORSE:** OKAY?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

15

16 **GRACE CORSE:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF POSSIBLE, CAN I GET A COPY OF THAT?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HERE, I'LL GET MINE BACK.

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'LL MAKE A COPY AND RETURN IT TO THE
23 SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS, MR. FUJIOKA?



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHAT I'D LIKE TO HAVE WHEN WE COME BACK BY
3 JANUARY 8TH, SOME OF THESE CONCERNS I THINK ARE VERY
4 LEGITIMATE. WE'LL COME BACK BY JANUARY 8TH WITH A REPORT TO
5 THIS BOARD ABOUT HOW WE CAN ADDRESS SOME OF THESE ISSUES IF
6 THAT'S OKAY.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEN WE WILL GET A RESPONSE BACK
9 BY JANUARY 8TH ON HOW WE CAN ADDRESS THIS AND A
10 RECOMMENDATION.

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE NEED A MOTION. MOVED AND SECONDED BY
17 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 20 IS ADOPTED AND ITEM
18 76. WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ON JANUARY 8TH, WE'LL HAVE A
19 REPORT BACK ON HOW WE CAN ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. I DON'T HAVE
20 ANYTHING FURTHER. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DID YOU HAVE
21 ANYTHING FURTHER? 78. YOU HAVE 78. COULD WE ASK DR. CHERNOF TO
22 COME UP AND MAKE THE REPORT?

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** DR. CHERNOF DID RELEASE A WRITTEN REPORT. AND
25 AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THE REQUEST IS -- THERE'S NOT MUCH TO



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1 ADD OTHER THAN THE WRITTEN REPORT. HE'S ASKED IF WE COULD
2 RECEIVE AND FILE IT UNLESS YOU HAD ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OF
3 HIM.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE PERSON HAS ASKED TO COMMENT. DR.
6 CLAVREUL, DID YOU GET A COPY OF THE REPORT?

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** DR. CLAVREUL, DID YOU GET A COPY OF THE REPORT?

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S A WRITTEN REPORT. WE'RE NOT HAVING
11 COMMENTS ON IT. OKAY. WE'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET A COPY. DO YOU
12 HAVE ANY -- WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE ANY --

13

14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
15 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I GET A COPY BECAUSE I HAVE ACCESS TO
16 THE INTERNET, BUT OTHERWISE WHEN YOU REQUEST A COPY, IT'S NOT
17 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, WE ARE NOT ALL
18 FORTUNATE TO HAVE ACCESS, AND THE INFORMATION SHOULD BE
19 ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE TIME IT'S TO BE PRESENTED. AND
20 I'M NOT SURPRISED THAT DR. CHERNOF SAYS HE HAS NOTHING MUCH TO
21 SAY BECAUSE ALL THOSE REPORTS ARE NON-REPORTS. I THOUGHT THEM
22 P.O.S. MYSELF, YOU KNOW? BUT I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
23 CHANGE OF POSITION YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER, TALKING
24 ABOUT R19 AND R20 AND NOT KNOWING WHAT THE SALARY IS. THE
25 PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT THE SALARY GRADES ARE. AND I



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1 WOULD LIKE JUST TO KNOW FOR MY OWN INFORMATION IF R19 OR R20
2 SALARY IS ABOVE \$246,445, WHICH IS THE SALARY OF MISS EPPS.
3 YOU KNOW, I HAVE ASKED YOU REPEATEDLY FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION.
4 I'M DEMANDING THAT YOU PROVIDE ME THAT INFORMATION. I HAVE
5 BEEN VERY PATIENT, VERY POLITE. IF YOU THINK I'M GOING TO LOSE
6 MY COOL, YOU'RE VERY WRONG. I WILL GO TO EXTREME TO USE
7 LEGISLATION TO FORCE YOU, TO MAKE YOU OBEY THE LAW. AND I HAVE
8 THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHICH POSITION SHE IS IN NOW, HER EXACT
9 TITLE AND SO ON. ONE OF THE CONFERENCE SHE GAVE RECENTLY, SHE
10 IMPLIED THAT SHE WAS OVER HUMPHREY. AND WHEN SUPERVISOR
11 YAROSLAVSKY ASKED, THEY SAID NO, HUMPHREY WAS NOT UNDER HER
12 JURISDICTION. THAT'S NOT WHAT SHE'S ADVERTISING. SO I WOULD
13 LIKE A JOB DESCRIPTION. I WOULD LIKE HER EXACT TITLE. AND I AM
14 VERY CONCERNED THAT SOMEBODY WHO HAD FAILED THE COUNTY SO
15 BADLY IS STILL BEING PAID \$246,000. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANYTHING FURTHER?
18 PUBLIC COMMENT? WE HAVE INA BARISH AND DR. DELANGE, CARLOS
19 MORAN. PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

20

21 **INA BARISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS INA BARISH. AND I AM A
22 RESIDENT OF MARINA DEL REY. A FEW WEEKS AGO I BROUGHT TO YOUR
23 ATTENTION THE IMPROPER NEUTERING OF THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD
24 AND THE REACTION BY THE COASTAL COMMISSION. THIS PAST WEEK, I
25 WITNESSED YET ANOTHER PUBLIC VANGUARD UNABLE TO TAKE A



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1 POSITION CONTRARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS. I
2 AM SPEAKING OF THE SMALL CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION. SUPERVISOR
3 KNABE, IN THE DECEMBER 13TH ISSUE OF "THE ARGONAUT," IT WAS
4 REPORTED THAT YOU WERE WAITING TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE
5 SMALL CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION ABOUT RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING
6 THE ISSUE OF DOCK IMPROVEMENTS VERSUS SLIP FEE INCREASES.
7 WHILE I AM HEARTENED TO LEARN OF YOUR INTEREST IN BOATER
8 ISSUES, I AM CONCERNED FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, BECAUSE THE
9 ISSUE THAT FACES THE BOATERS, ARE MUCH BROADER THAN THE
10 OVERSIMPLIFIED DICHOTOMY. IT CAN BE SUMMED UP BETTER AS A
11 PUBLIC OUTRAGE OVER THE GENERAL MISMANAGEMENT OF THE MARINA BY
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS, THE FINAL STRAW OF
13 WHICH IS THE UP TO 50% SLIP INCREASES, AND THE ADDED INSULT TO
14 INJURY IN SOME CASES OF THE DEPLORABLE DOCK CONDITIONS.
15 SECOND, THE REASON THAT I AM CONCERNED IS BECAUSE THE LETTER
16 THAT THE SMALL CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION FINALIZED THIS PAST
17 WEEK, AFTER FOUR MONTHS OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND SUBMISSION OF
18 CREDIBLE EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS, DOES NOT MAKE THE
19 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE NEEDED TO URGE THIS BOARD TO ACTION.
20 THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT COMMISSIONER SEARCY ATTEMPTED TO MAKE
21 IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT WERE STRICKEN AND REWRITTEN BY
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES AT
23 THE DECEMBER 12TH MEETING. THE LANGUAGE CHANGED FROM "WE
24 ADVISE THE BOARD TO EXAMINE AND MAKE A DETERMINATION" TO "WE
25 DO NOT RECOMMEND ANY CHANGE IN CURRENT BOARD POLICY;"



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1 NEVERTHELESS, THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING." SO THE
2 LETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE, OR MAY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED, DOES
3 NOT MEET THE PUBLIC'S EXPECTATIONS AND IS NOT LIKELY TO MEET
4 YOURS. PUBLIC COMMENT BY SCOTT GANERI SUMMED IT UP BEST WHEN
5 HE SAID THAT THIS LETTER IS A MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL FAILURE
6 OF THE OBLIGATIONS OWED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE PUBLIC. I
7 HAVE BROUGHT WITH ME TODAY SOME OF THE MATERIALS THAT WERE
8 PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. I URGE
9 YOU TO REVIEW THEM AND ONE, TO COMMISSION AN INDEPENDENT
10 INVESTIGATION OF MARINA DEL REY SLIP FEE PRICING, AND SLIP
11 SIZE DISTRIBUTION POLICIES. THE COUNTY'S "STUDY" LACKS EVEN
12 THE APPEARANCE OF INDEPENDENCE AND IS WROUGHT WITH FAULTY
13 METHODOLOGY. TWO, TO REVIEW WHETHER THE POLICIES UNDER WHICH
14 THE MARINA IS CURRENTLY MANAGED ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC
15 MANDATE FOR FREE OR LOW COST RECREATION. AND, THREE, TO DIRECT
16 THE COUNTY TO REVERT TO THE FAIR RETURN ON INVESTMENT ECONOMIC
17 MODEL WHICH IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CURRENT CERTIFIED L.C.P.
18 THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE LETTER YET. WE ARE LOOKING
21 INTO THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE. WE'LL LOOK INTO THE WHOLE
22 EVALUATION PROCESS AND HOW THEY CAME UP WITH IT BECAUSE I
23 PERSONALLY HAVE SOME STRONG CONCERNS ABOUT THE WAY IT WAS
24 HANDLED. SO WE'LL SEE. WE'LL WORK.

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1 **INA BARISH:** THANK YOU. GLAD TO HEAR IT.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DOCTOR?

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5 **DAVID DELANGE:** I'M DAVID DELANGE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
6 COALITION TO SAVE THE MARINA.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU CALL UP DANIEL GARCIA AND CARLOS
9 MORAN AGAIN? THANK YOU.

10

11 **DAVID DELANGE:** COULD I BACK THIS UP? I'VE BEEN TAKEN BY 10
12 SECONDS?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE. ABSOLUTELY.

15

16 **DAVID DELANGE:** THERE IS IN MARINA DEL REY A NEW ENDANGERED
17 SPECIES: IT'S THE OCEAN AND MOUNTAIN VIEWS IN MARINA DEL REY.
18 BUT, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE AN ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT THAT APPLIES
19 TO THIS SITUATION. IT'S A PROHIBITED VIEW DISTURBANCE POLICY.
20 IT'S A LAW IN MARINA DEL REY. I'D LIKE YOUR ATTENTION ON THIS.
21 WE HAVE A VERY PROTECTIVE VIEW CORRIDOR POLICY OF THE CURRENT
22 L.C.P. THAT HAS BEEN APPARENTLY OVERLOOKED BY ALL PARTIES
23 CONCERNED WITH MARINA DEL REY DEVELOPMENT UNTIL IT WAS
24 RECENTLY DISCOVERED AND ANALYZED BY THE PUBLIC. THE POLICY,
25 THE LAW, READS AS FOLLOWS, "THE FOLLOWING EXISTING VIEWS



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1 WITHIN THE EXISTING MARINA SHALL NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY
2 DISTURBED. ONE, ALL VIEWS FROM NORTH JETTY AND SOUTH JETTY
3 WEST OF U.C.L.A. BOAT HOUSE AND, TWO, CROSS BEACH VIEW FROM
4 PAN-A-WAY PARKING LOT." IF YOU'VE EVER TAKEN A WALK OUT ON THE
5 JETTIES IN THE MARINA, YOU'LL KNOW ESPECIALLY WHAT THIS TALKS
6 ABOUT. IF YOU WALK LANDWARD WITH THE SEA AT YOUR BACK FROM THE
7 JETTIES COMING TOWARDS THE MARINA, YOU WILL SEE A THREE-STORY
8 APARTMENT STRUCTURE TO THE LEFT OF WHICH IS FISHERMAN'S
9 VILLAGE. PROPOSED FOR THOSE SPOTS, MAJOR VIEWS THAT ARE
10 PROTECTED BY THIS LAW, NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY DISTURBED, ARE
11 13-STORY STRUCTURES IN THE ONE INSTANCE REPLACING THREE
12 STORIES. AND IN ANOTHER INSTANCE, REPLACING FISHERMAN'S
13 VILLAGE, WHICH IS A STORY OR TWO, APPROXIMATELY 56 FEET. THOSE
14 STRUCTURES, WELL ESPECIALLY THE VILLA VENETIA ONE, THE 13-
15 STORY ONE, IS THAT THE ABSOLUTE LIMIT, MAXIMUM OF ANYTHING
16 THAT'S CONTEMPLATED AS EVEN AN INTELLECTUAL POSSIBILITY IN THE
17 LAW. NOW THIS LAW HAS TO REFER TO SOMETHING. IT'S A VIEW
18 DISTURBANCE LAW. SO WHAT DOES IT REFER TO? IF IT DOES NOT
19 REFER TO THE BIGGEST THING YOU CAN BUILD, IT REFERS TO
20 NOTHING. SO IT MUST REFER AND PROHIBIT THIS STRUCTURE FROM
21 BEING BUILT. THERE'S ANOTHER EXAMPLE. THE SECOND PROVISION OF
22 THIS POLICY THAT I READ IMPLIES THAT THE CURRENT CROSS-BEACH
23 VIEW FROM PAN-A-WAY PARKING LOT TOWARD THE COASTAL WATERS, THE
24 SMALL CRAFT HARBOR AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS TO THE NORTH
25 CANNOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY DISTURBED. LET ME SUFFICIENTLY SAY FOR



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1 THE RECORD THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL PARCELS THAT ABSOLUTELY ARE
2 PARTIALLY, FROM MANY, MANY POINTS OF VIEW, AS WITH THE
3 PREVIOUS EXAMPLE, NO MATTER WHERE YOU'RE STANDING, THERE'S
4 GOING TO BE A SIGNIFICANT DISTURBANCE, AND THE CLOSER YOU GET
5 TO THE BUILDING, THE BIGGER THE DISTURBANCE OF THE MOUNTAINS
6 AND, IN SOME INSTANCES THE WATER. WE HAVE BROUGHT THIS TO THE
7 ATTENTION OF THE DESIGN CONTROL BOARD AND TO REGIONAL PLANNING
8 AND WE HAVE BEEN SCOFFED AT ESSENTIALLY. MR. FINNEY, WHEN I
9 BROUGHT A U.S.C. PROFESSOR, HUMAN FACTORS ENGINEERING EXPERT
10 TO TESTIFY IN THIS MATTER TO SHOW A POWER POINT, HE WAS
11 ACCUSED, VERY INCORRECTLY, OF DISTORTING WITH PHOTOGRAPHY THE
12 TRUTH. I HAVE NOT USED ANY PHOTOGRAPHS TODAY BUT HAVE MADE THE
13 TRUTH SING OUT LOUD.

14
15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD ARNOLD SACHS,
16 MOLLY ELIZABETH COOPER, COME FORWARD ALSO? WILL YOU STATE YOUR
17 NAME, PLEASE? YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

18
19 **DANIEL GARCIA:** HI, I'M DANNY GARCIA FROM COMMUNITY [INAUDIBLE]
20 IN EAST L.A. AND I'M HERE TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. TO SIMPLY
21 ADVOCATE. BUT I WANT TO ALSO SAY TO YOU, SUPERVISORS, THAT
22 ACTUALLY THERE ARE TWO REASONS THAT I WANT TO PRESENT TO YOU.
23 ONE THAT I WANT TO SAY, IF -- I THINK WE NEED REALLY MORE
24 SIGNS, ACCESS SIGNS ALONG THE AIRPORT. BECAUSE YOU DO HAVE
25 ACCESS SIGNS EVERYWHERE AROUND THE AIRPORT, PUBLIC VIEW,



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1 PUBLIC CAN SEE THE ACCESS WOULD BE GIVEN, WOULD BE EASIER TO
2 FIND. LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU PUT A SIGN NEARBY UNITED
3 AIRLINES, THEN PEOPLE WILL FIND IT EASIER TO FIND IT AND ALSO
4 THEN IT WILL BE EASIER TO FIND IT, TOO. SO I THINK THE
5 INITIATIVE IS FOR YOU TO PUT ACCESS SIGNS EVERYWHERE IN THE
6 AIRPORT AS A HELP TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. I ALSO WANT TO
7 KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN MY -- MY
8 CENTER WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU GO TO THE MARINA TO HAVE YOU IN
9 THE OFFICE BECAUSE MRS. MOLINA, SUPERVISOR, I DON'T KNOW WHO
10 IS IN CHARGE OF SAN GABRIEL. DON KNABE?

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA. AND I THINK SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH, ALSO. SAN GABRIEL.

14

15 **DANNY GARCIA:** OH. OKAY. WELL ANYWAY, I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO
16 HAVE MRS. MOLINA TO COME TO OUR CENTER AND BASICALLY TO WHERE
17 WE DO AT THE CENTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH I THINK
20 HAS MOST OF SAN GABRIEL. WE'LL ALSO ASK LEONARD ROSE, JR. TO
21 COME FORWARD. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. PUBLIC COMMENT? I
24 HAVE SEVERAL THINGS I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT. FIRST, REGARDING
25 SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR



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1 KNABE. THEY HAVE DISCONTINUED THE TRANSFERS, THE M.T.A.
2 TRANSFERS ON LINE 126 WITHOUT HAVING A HEARING. AND WHEN I
3 WENT TO THE SOUTH BAY GOVERNANCE MEETING WHICH I WANTED TO
4 BRING UP SOMETHING ALSO, THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE SOUTH BAY
5 GOVERNANCE MEETING GAVE NO REASON. BUT YOU MENTIONED THE
6 MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 9TH MEETING STATE THAT METRO'S
7 DEFICIT IS NOW \$75 MILLION, HALF THE ORIGINAL DEFICIT. YET
8 BACK IN JULY, WHEN THE FARE RATE WAS INCREASED BECAUSE THERE
9 WAS A PROJECTED DEFICIT, THE DEFICIT WAS PROJECTED AT \$100
10 MILLION A YEAR FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS OR A BILLION DOLLARS.
11 NOW, AGAIN, DOING THIS MATH, 75 MILLION, HALF OF THE ORIGINAL
12 DEFICIT, THAT WOULD MEAN THE DEFICIT WAS \$150 MILLION. BUT
13 THAT'S THE M.T.A. I'D ALSO LIKE TO MENTION A FEW THINGS ABOUT
14 THE COLISEUM. NAVIGANT IS AVAILABLE TO HELP IN NEGOTIATIONS.
15 BUT HERE'S SOME REAL PROBLEMS HERE. AND I'M QUOTING FROM
16 TODAY'S "DAILY BREEZE." "BOTH SIDES SEEM TO BE NEGOTIATING IN
17 GOOD FAITH AND APPEAR TO HAVE A LONG TERM LEASE ON OUR COMMON
18 GOALS," SAID U.S.C. SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, TODD DICKEY, WHO IS
19 LEADING THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE PROBLEM THAT I SEE IS THERE'S
20 THREE SIDES. THERE'S THE STATE SIDE, THERE'S THE COMMISSION
21 SIDE AND THERE'S THE U.S.C. SIDE. SO WHAT BOTH SIDES ARE WE
22 TALKING ABOUT? FURTHERMORE, THE COMMISSION IS NEGOTIATING A
23 LEASE FOR PROPERTY THEY DON'T OWN, WHICH THE STATE OWNS. THE
24 COLISEUM IS NEGOTIATING WITH SOMEBODY WHO DOESN'T OWN THE
25 PROPERTY. HOW COME? IN THE SOUTH BAY WHERE I GET MY NEWS FROM



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1 WHERE I LIVE, THERE WAS A COUPLE STORIES, ONE IN THE L.A.
2 TIMES, I BELIEVE, AND ONE IN THE DAILY BREEZE REGARDING TWO
3 INCIDENCES, ONE IN HERMOSA BEACH AND ONE IN TORRANCE, WHERE AN
4 INDIVIDUAL WAS HAVING PROSPECTIVE RENTERS COME TO PROPERTIES,
5 GETTING CHECKS FROM THE PROSPECTIVE RENTERS, YET THE
6 INDIVIDUAL HAD NO OWNERSHIP, NO LEASING RECORD, NO ANYTHING TO
7 THE PROPERTIES. TELL ME WHAT IS DIFFERENT BETWEEN WHAT THAT
8 PERSON DID AND WHICH WAS DEEMED ILLEGAL, THEY WERE ARRESTED,
9 AND WHAT THE COMMISSION DOES? THEY HAVE NO TRUCK TO THE
10 PROPERTY, YET THEY ARE ACTING AS THE LEASING AGENT. IF THEY'RE
11 A LEASING AGENT, THEN THEY'RE AN AGENT OF THE STATE. LET THE
12 STATE PAY THEM. THEN THE COMMISSION, OR THE SCHOOL, SHOULD NOT
13 BE NEGOTIATING WITH THE STATE. AND FINALLY, ONE LAST ARTICLE -
14 -

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
17 YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE WELCOME. OH HAVE A GOOD HOLIDAY,
20 EVERYBODY. NEXT YEAR, WE'RE GONNA GO TO WORK.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME. HOW ARE YOU? AND TERRY
23 JACKSON WILL YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD?

24



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1 **LEONARD W. ROSE JR.:** MY NAME IS LEONARD ROSE, JR. I'M HERE TO
2 TALK ABOUT MY PSYCHOLOGIST. I HAVE BEEN GOING ABOUT FOR 40
3 YEARS, YOU KNOW. I COMPLETE SPORTS FACILITY, FITNESS FOR
4 LIVING AND COACHING WORKING EXPERIENCE COACH. I WANT TO GET MY
5 COACHING CERTIFICATE IN MY MAIL AND I'M GOING TO BE ON THE
6 NEWSPAPER TO TALK ABOUT RECREATION LEADER. AND I AM GOING TO
7 GET MY COMMANDER AWARD NEXT MONTH -- NEXT YEAR. AND GET A
8 CAPTAIN.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD JOB.

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14 **SPEAKER:** TODAY I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO
15 HAPPEN ON THE NEWS, THE CRIME AND EARTHQUAKE, FIRES AND MORE
16 SAFETY PROGRAMS FOR OUR PEOPLE IN THE CITY AND COUNTY, WHAT IS
17 GOING ON IN THE NEWS TODAY. AND THERE ARE THINGS GOING ON IN
18 THE NEWS EVERY DAY I SEE ON THE NEWS. AND THERE IS SHOOTING,
19 FIGHTING, STABBING, YOU KNOW LIKE CARTOONS SHOW, THE SIMPSONS,
20 ASSAULT AND BATTERY, CHARGE, LIKE WALLY SIMPSON PUNCH HIM IN
21 THE STOMACH, YOU KNOW? I DON'T KNOW IT'S HAPPENED, ANY OF YOUR
22 KIDS DOING THOSE KIND OF STUFF, YOU KNOW. AND THINGS LIKE
23 THAT. AND CRIME IS EVERYWHERE, YOU KNOW. AND NEEDS TO GET
24 LAWSUIT AGAINST THE SIMPSONS CARTOON AND AMERICAN DAD, BECAUSE
25 THEY SHOW THOSE CRIMES, ASSAULT AND BATTERY CHARGE. AND IF YOU



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1 SEE THOSE SIMPSONS CARTOONS WALK OVER THEIR PARENTS AND
2 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, SO MANY PARENTS GET THEIR KIDS
3 TAKEN AWAY AND THEY GO TO CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. AND
4 MAYBE PARENTS MIGHT BE ON ALCOHOL OR DRUGS OR IN GANGS, YOU
5 KNOW. AND COMPUTER INTERNET MY SPACE.COM, SO MANY HATE CRIMES
6 ON THE COMPUTER, YOU KNOW AND THINGS LIKE THAT. AND WANT TO
7 STOP THE PORNOGRAPHY THAT'S ON THERE. I KNOW SHERIFF
8 DEPARTMENT HAD THAT, YOU KNOW, INVESTIGATING THESE PEOPLE
9 HOMES YOU KNOW AND SEX OFFENDER. AND I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE GOING
10 TO DO THAT TOO, AND INVESTIGATE THESE THINGS. AND THEN THIS
11 IRAN PRESIDENT, RUSSIAN PRESIDENT WANT TO DESTROY ISRAEL AND
12 THEY WANT TO TALK ABOUT WAR WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THESE
13 THINGS ARE GOING ON AND NORTH KOREA WAR, YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO
14 PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS. OUR TROOPS, THEIR CHAPLAIN AND THEIR
15 PEOPLE, DAVE WEAVER, WITNESSING OUR SOLDIERS AND GET THEM
16 SAVED, HAVE JESUS IN THEIR HEART, YOU KNOW, IF THEY DIED IN
17 THEIR FREEDOM, YOU KNOW, THEY GO TO HEAVEN. AND I KNOW THEY
18 GOT MILITARY SERVICE, WITNESSING OUR MEN AND WOMEN FIGHTING IN
19 THE WAR, WE NEED TO PRAY FOR THEM, TOO, FOR THEIR SAFETY. AND
20 I HOPE THEY COME BACK HOME. AND WE NEED A RIGHT PRESIDENT IN
21 OUR STATE HERE. ALL THE THINGS HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
22 YOUR TIME.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** HEY, MERRY CHRISTMAS, LEONARD.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY. WOULD YOU PLEASE
4 STATE YOUR NAME?

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6 **MOLLIE COOPER:** YES, MOLLIE ELIZABETH LAMAR. MOLLIE ELIZABETH
7 LAMAR WINDBURN SIMMS MURRAY GINYARD-COOPER, GINYARD-COOPER. I
8 GAVE YOU ALL THE NAMES THAT ARE IN MY FILE WITH LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY. I HAVE BEEN BEFORE YOU BEFORE RESPECTFULLY. I AM A 34-
10 YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OVER ALL THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF THE FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
12 ADOPTIONS. AND I WAS HERE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO WHEN I
13 RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED AN INVESTIGATION BY THE C.A.O., CHIEF
14 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INTO LACERA, LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS INTO
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. PAT TEAMS AND
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT-MENTAL HEALTH SAN FERNANDO
18 ROAD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. I DO INDEED HAVE THE FULL
19 ADDRESS IF YOU NEED THAT. AND I'M HERE THIS MORNING AND EARLY
20 AFTERNOON TO TRY TO GET AN INTERIM REPORT OR SOME INFORMATION
21 AS TO HOW THE INVESTIGATION MIGHT BE GOING AND WHEN I MIGHT
22 RECEIVE A FULL REPORT.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL THE C.E.O. IS NOT HERE
2 RIGHT NOW. SOMEONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT, THEY'LL GET THAT TO
3 YOU. THEY'LL GIVE YOU THAT INFORMATION.

4

5 **MOLLIE COOPER:** WHO WILL, YOUR HONORARY?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE C.A.O.'S OVER THERE, HE'LL SEND SOMEONE
8 TO TALK TO YOU.

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10 **MOLLIE COOPER:** NO, I HAD SOMEONE TALK WITH ME RESPECTFULLY TWO
11 WEEKS AGO. THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT. AND FROM MY
12 EXPERIENCE AS A LOYAL, HIGHLY RESPECTED COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR,
13 THAT THAT CERTAINLY IS NOT AN ADEQUATE INVESTIGATION IN MY
14 SENSE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL IT WILL PROBABLY IS GOING TO TAKE A
17 LITTLE LONGER THAN TWO WEEKS FOR AN INVESTIGATION TO CONCLUDE.

18

19 **MOLLIE COOPER:** WELL, WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IN THE MEANTIME,
20 I AM BEING ROBBED BLIND BY LACERA, AND I AM UNABLE TO OBTAIN
21 THE SERVICES OF AN ATTORNEY. AND I AM WONDERING IF YOUR
22 HONORARIUMS CAN ORDER COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPRESENT ME. I AM A
23 COUNTY EMPLOYEE. LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT
24 ASSOCIATION REPORTS DIRECTLY TO YOU, THE HONORARIUM L.A.



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1 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THEY ARE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
2 EMPLOYEES, OR THEY SHOULD BE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THERE SHOULD BE SOMEONE OVER FROM THE
5 MENTAL HEALTH COULD TALK TO YOU.

6

7 **MOLLIE COOPER:** I BEG YOUR PARDON RESPECTFULLY?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANYONE FROM LACERA
10 HERE BECAUSE BASICALLY THEY HAVE A SEPARATE BOARD. THEY'RE
11 INDEPENDENT.

12

13 **MOLLIE COOPER:** NO, YOUR HONORARIUM. I AM A LONG-TERM COUNTY
14 EMPLOYEE. I DON'T MEAN TO DIFFER WITH YOU. YOU ARE
15 ADMINISTRATIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
16 EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL GET SOMEONE FROM PERSONNEL TO TALK TO
19 YOU.

20

21 **MOLLIE COOPER:** NO, THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH. I WANT AN
22 INVESTIGATION.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND WE'RE HAVING AN INVESTIGATION.
25 THEY'RE GOING TO INVESTIGATE IT.



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2 **MOLLIE COOPER:** WELL I WANT TO KNOW IF I CAN RECEIVE COUNSEL TO
3 GO WITH ME TO LACERA. THEY ADVISED ME TO DO THAT.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND SOMEONE THERE
6 EXPLAIN TO HER WHETHER OR NOT WE COULD HAVE ANYBODY.

7

8 **MOLLIE COOPER:** I KNOW LEGALLY YOU CAN DO THAT. YOU WISH ME TO
9 STEP OVER HERE?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STEP OVER THERE.

12

13 **MOLLIE COOPER:** I HOPE IT'S NOT ANOTHER DEPUTY DIRECTOR FROM
14 LACERA, AS THERE WAS LAST TIME AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH? THAT'S NOT AN
16 ADEQUATE INVESTIGATION. EMPLOYEES INVESTIGATING THEMSELVES?

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WELL, THE COUNTY COUNSEL IS
19 GOING TO HAVE SOMEONE OVER THERE EXPLAIN IT. GRACIE TAYLOR?
20 YES. MR. JACKSON STATE YOUR NAME.

21

22 **TERRY D. JACKSON:** MY NAME IS TERRY D. JACKSON. I TEND TO HAVE
23 AN ONGOING PROBLEM EVEN WITH YOUR HELP AND YOUR BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS. YOUR OFFICE SEEMS TO WANT TO TAKE ME OUT OF THE
25 DISABLED DEPARTMENT AND PUT ME IN A WORK DEPARTMENT. THEN I GO



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1 TO THE WORK DEPARTMENT CASEWORKER TELL ME I HAVE TO GO BACK TO
2 THE DISABLED DEPARTMENT AND RE-FILE AGAIN. THREE UNPAYABLE
3 POSITIONS BY CLERKS UNDER ARTICLE 5SB15-55 REPRESENTING THE
4 UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, I'M NOT PAYING THOSE FINES OR
5 THOSE POSITIONS ANY LONGER.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE SOMEONE HERE FROM D.P.S.S.? RIGHT
8 THERE. THE LADY BACK THERE WILL TALK TO YOU. THANK YOU. OH,
9 GRACIE?

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11 **GRACIE TAYLOR:** WELL GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS. AS YOU KNOW, IN THE PAST I'VE USED THE NAME OF
13 GRAY. I DON'T USE THAT NAME ANYMORE BECAUSE A SPOUSE, EX-
14 SPOUSE, HE WAS IN THE COUNTRY ILLEGAL AND HE WAS DEPORTED. ALL
15 OF MY I.D. IS ALL MESSED UP. ONE OF THE LADIES APPLIED FOR ME
16 FOR A MEDICARE CARD, IT CAME BACK WITH LATINO FIRST NAME AND
17 MY LAST NAME. I'M HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THINGS THAT IS
18 UNJUST AS IN REVELATION SAY "LET THOSE WHO ARE FILTHY CONTINUE
19 TO BE FILTHY, LET THOSE WHO ARE UNFAIR CONTINUE TO BE UNFAIR".
20 I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT MY SON, WINFRED BOCARD. I HAVE
21 PICTURES OF HIM, HIS FATHER WHO PASSED ON WITH KENNY HAHN'S
22 SISTER, TRYING TO SAVE DREW HOSPITAL BUT NOBODY COULD SAVE
23 HIM. I APPROACHED YOU ALL ON THIS ISSUE ONE TIME BEFORE. I
24 HAVEN'T NEVER BEEN INTO A MENTAL INSTITUTION. I WORKED FOR THE
25 COUNTY BEACHES AND HARBORS. I WORKED FOR L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL



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1 DISTRICTS. I ALSO DID SECURITY WORK UNDER BRADLEY AND CHIEF
2 DARYL GATES. I AM A MOTHER AND A GRANDMOTHER. 75 YEARS OF AGE.
3 I WAS DRUG ON AN M.T.A. BUS. I WAS STANDING THERE WAITING FOR
4 THE BUS WITH A LATINO FEMALE. WHEN THE BUS DRIVER CAME UP, HE
5 LET HER ON AND WHEN I WENT TO GET ON HE CLOSED THE DOOR ON ME
6 AND I FELL FORWARD. I HAD TO BE OPERATED ON IN CEDAR SINAI
7 HOSPITAL. IT MADE ME CRIPPLED. I HAVE PRESENTED MY CASE BEFORE
8 THE COURT. ONE PLACE I WENT TO WHICH RUNS INTO CIVIL RIGHTS,
9 I'M NOT PREJUDICE ON WHITE, BLACK OR GREEN, BUT HE HAPPEN TO
10 BE A CAUCASIAN. HE TURNED AROUND, HE FIRST TOLD ME THAT THE
11 THING WAS NOT WORKING FOR THE SCREEN, MY BAGS. AND THEN A
12 LATINO GUY CAME IN AND THEY SCREENED, START MOVING. AND I
13 SAID, "I THOUGHT YOU SAID IT WAS NOT WORKING." HE TURNED
14 AROUND, PULLED UP HIS JACKET AND DID ONE OF THESE NUMBERS.
15 OKAY? NOW, I TESTIFIED BEFORE GOD THIS DAY. I ALSO PRESENTED
16 MY CASE, MY LAWSUIT, I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU PICTURES OF MY LEGS
17 THAT HAVE BEEN OPERATED ON AT CEDAR SINAI HOSPITAL. I AM A
18 CRIPPLED WOMAN. I PRESENTED MY CASE. I KNOW IF KENNEDY, IF
19 CLINTON CAN PAY MONICA LEWINSKI FOR SEX, I SHOULD BE PAID,
20 REIMBURSED FOR BEING DRUG ON THE M.T.A. BUS. I AM UNABLE TO
21 WALK. I HAVE GRANDBABIES THAT HAD CEREBRAL PALSY. I'M UNABLE
22 TO GET THEM ANYTHING. I HAVE ONE BABY IS BLIND. AND IF YOU
23 REMEMBER, I HAVE MY GRANDDAUGHTERS WHO WAS RAPED BEHIND A GUY,
24 CARLOS AND BY MIGUEL, WHICH THEY TRIED TO PUT IT OFF ON MY
25 HANDICAPPED SON WHO IS RETARDED. AND WINFRED DID NOT RAPE THE



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1 CHILDREN. I HAVE IT FROM A COUNTY. WINFRED IS A CHILD THAT
2 TRIES HIS BEST. AND YOU KNOW, THEY TRIED TO TRUMP UP MY CHILD
3 AND BROUGHT HIM IN HANDCUFFS WITH THE ROSTER. AND WHEN I TRY
4 TO TELL THE JUDGE THAT THIS CHILD'S RETARDED, I HAD IT PRINTED
5 OUT FROM THE COURTS THAT HE'S RETARDED. HE HAS THE MIND OF A
6 2-YEAR-OLD CHILD. WHERE THEY PUT MY CHILD AT? IN A PROGRAM
7 WITH NARCOTICS PEOPLE, WINFRED'S NOT ON NARCOTICS. I'M NOT
8 SAYING THAT HE DOES NOT TAKE DRUGS OR SMOKE DRUGS BUT NOT NO
9 HARD DRUGS. IT GOES TO THE MEETING. AND HE HE'S PAYING \$400 A
10 MONTH FOR THE HOUSE PLUS HE SITS UP THERE AND HE LISTENS TO
11 THIS NONSENSE. AND THEN NOW THEY GOT HIM A JOB. WELL WHERE'S
12 THE MONEY GOING TO?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

15

16 **GRACIE TAYLOR:** LISTEN, MISS BURKE, WOULD YOU KINDLY LOOK INTO
17 THIS ACCIDENT FOR ME, PLEASE?

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

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21 **GRACIE TAYLOR:** THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SOMEONE OVER THERE WILL SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT
24 IT.

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1 **GRACIE TAYLOR:** THANK YOU.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE LADY RIGHT THERE WILL TALK
4 TO YOU.

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6 **GRACIE TAYLOR:** I FILED THE PAPERS ALREADY.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

9

10 **GRACIE TAYLOR:** HOW YOU DOING?

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FINE. YOU HAVE A GOOD HOLIDAY.

13

14 **GRACIE TAYLOR:** OH, YOU KNOW WHAT? I HAVE SOME PICTURES OF MY
15 FAMILY, ONE OF MY BROTHERS OUT HERE FOR THE SHRINER'S
16 CONVENTION, AND THEY NAMED A STREET IN OUR BEHALF BACK EAST.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

19

20 **GRACIE TAYLOR:** YES.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE A GOOD HOLIDAY.

23

24 **GRACIE TAYLOR:** THANK YOU. ALL OF YOU ALL. ALL OF YOU ALL. I
25 USED TO WORK FOR THE BEACHES AND HARBORS. SHOEMAKER.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I THINK WE WANT TO WISH THE COUNTY
5 FAMILY AND ALL THE PEOPLE OUT THERE A HAPPY HOLIDAY.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** SEE THEM NEXT YEAR.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NEXT YEAR. HAPPY HOLIDAY AND IT'S BEEN A
12 GREAT YEAR.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
15 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
16 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBERS CS-1, CS-2,
17 AND CS-3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
18 LITIGATION, AND ITEM NUMBER CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
19 COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE
20 CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THE NEXT REGULAR
21 BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 8TH, 2008. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON DECEMBER 18, 2007**

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

6 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) NextG

7 Networks of California, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles, U.S.

8 District Court Case No. CV 07-2425 ABC

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10 This is a lawsuit concerning County issuance of permits for
11 wireless facilities located in County rights-of-way. (07-3106)

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13 The Board authorized settlement of the above lawsuit. The
14 substance of the settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by
15 any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following
16 approval by all parties.

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18 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being
19 present.

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21 On closed session agenda items CS-2, CS-3 and CS-4, no
22 reportable action was taken.

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11 Supervisors as certified by me.

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13 related to any party to the said action; nor

14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

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